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Mickey Blackwell

Graham Meet In Kentucky Tops Record

LEXINGTON, Ky. (RNS)—A closing night audience of 15,000—a record crowd for the University of Kentucky's Memorial Coliseum—brought to a total of 77,500 the attendance figure for the Central Kentucky Billy Graham Crusade.

The four-night Crusade, which will be telecast throughout the country in late May and which is the shortest ever conducted by the Graham team, broke two seating records established by the university's famed basketball varsity.

Crusade officials said about 2,000 "decisions for Christ" were made.

When Mr. Graham spoke on "A Nation At The Crossroads" during the closing service, the audience interrupted the sermon with an ovation when he commented that "as many problems as America has, it is still the most wonderful country on earth." The preceding night, long applause interrupted him as he asked "all Christians everywhere to pray God to help America's leaders bring the Vietnam War to a speedy conclusion."

The closing service also brought an unexpected reunion with an old friend for Mr. Graham.

In 1959, when the evangelist conducted his first Jerusalem Crusade, the man who rented the theatre in which the Crusade was conducted was David Shamieh. He was also the personal guide and escort for Mr. Graham during his visit there.

Mr. Shamieh left Israel in 1960, came to Lexington the next year and now operates a store here. During the Crusade he and his wife came forward to declare themselves believers in Jesus Christ. On closing night, Mr. Shamieh met Dr. Graham for the first time since the Jerusalem Crusade.

Those who watch the Crusade on television—the network will cover 98 per cent of the nation, plus parts of Canada and Australia—will hear Mr. Graham preach on four topics with special emphasis on youth and contemporary America.

The closing service sermon was based on the Old Testament story of Elijah and his challenge to choose between Baal and the True God. The Evangelist pointed out that when a nation abandons the True God is has

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Stewardship Meet Asks 'Lordship'

By Al Shackelford
GLORIETA, N. M. (BP)—Southern Baptists need to emphasize the creation of God and the Lordship of Christ rather than the law of the tithe as the basis for their stewardship emphasis, a nationwide conference of Baptist leaders was told here by a battery of speakers, (including one from Mississippi, Dr. Brooks Wester of Hattiesburg.)

More than 100 pastors, professors, state and Southern Baptist Convention

leaders attended the conference at Glorieta Baptist Assembly. It was the first such national stewardship conference held in the denomination.

Those attending examined in depth over a four-day period "the biblical truths bearing on the Christian's role in the material world" and sought to discover "what should be his response to this economic order."

If suggestions coming out of the conference are followed, there may be a shift in emphasis in Southern

Baptist stewardship programs for Baptists to go beyond "the tithe" to a theological understanding of the total stewardship of life and possessions under the Lordship of Christ.

There could also be more emphasis on the motivation for stewardship rather than on the amount of monetary contribution, if the conference suggestions are followed.

Cecil Ray, director of stewardship for the Baptist General Convention of Texas, said in one of the 14 papers

presented that "in the New Testament there is really only one distinctly Christian motive—that is in response to one's love for Christ and others."

He also noted that it is easier to present rule of the law than to present the meaning of the Lordship of Christ. "It is simply easier to demand the tithe."

During the conference, four speakers presented independently—pre-

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Foreign Board Approves 74 Journeymen

12 Mississippians Are Included

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — The Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board at its April meeting held in Louisville, Ky., approved 74 young adults for journeyman training this summer.

The intensive seven-week course prepares Baptist men and women no older than 26 for two years of work overseas with career missionaries.

They will train at Meredith College, Raleigh, N. C. Their job assignments include teaching, youth work, publishing, nursing, filming and television production, bookkeeping and secretarial work.

This is the seventh contingent of journeymen employed since the program was begun in 1965.

Those 12 who were either born in Mississippi or who attended college in the state are as follows:

Mary Bennett is employed to teach second-grade English at Pui Ching Mid-



Don Boone
To Kenya



Mrs. Don Boone
To Kenya



Shirley Mohundro
To Kenya



Connie Ellis
To Korea



June Smith
To Chile



Lynn Frickett
To Nigeria



Tim Rayburn
To Malaysia



Mrs. Tim Rayburn
To Malaysia



Laura Dubois
To Ethiopia



Mary Bennett
To Hong Kong



Allen Clark
To Tanzania



Kaye Wallace
To Japan

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Bible Drill Winners

Frankie Hiland a member of Parkway Baptist Church in Hernando and Mickey Blackwell, a member of Petal-Harvey Baptist Church in Petal, won first places in the annual State Baptist Youth Bible Drill held Saturday afternoon May 8 at Daniel Memorial Baptist Church in Jackson. Frankie will represent the state in competition at Ridgecrest, N. C., this summer while Mickey will be the state representative in the drill at Glorieta, N. C. The drills are sponsored by the Church Training Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

Two Evangelism Rallies To Be Held In State

Two Baptist Laymen's Evangelism Rallies will be held in the state soon, according to Rev. E. L. Howell, director of the Brotherhood Department sponsor.

Both rallies will be held from 3:00-9:00 p.m. as follows: May 13, Temple Baptist Church, Hattiesburg, and May 21, Tombigbee State Park, near Tupelo.

The programs will be identical with the exception of some changes in personnel, Mr. Howell said.

Bible study leader at Hattiesburg will be Dr. Charles E. Myers, pastor of Alta Woods Church in Jackson while the Tupelo leader will be Dr. Robert L. Hamblin, pastor of Harrisburg Church in Tupelo.

"Preparation For Personal Witnessing" will be discussed at both rallies by Dr. Earl Kelly, pastor of Ridgecrest Church, Jackson.

Rev. Bill Nimmmons, associate pastor of First Church, Starkville, will speak at both meetings on "Campus Evangelism and How the Church Brotherhood Relates to the Revival."

"Special Projects For Baptist Men Which Provide Evangelistic Opportunities" will be discussed at both meetings by Aris Anderson, layman from First Church, Starkville.

"Laymen and Evangelistic Music" will be the topic at Hattiesburg for Dan C. Hall, director of the Church Music Department, while Rev. Bill Sellers, of Brandon, director of circulation and advertising for the Baptist Record, will lead the discussion at Tupelo meeting.

Dr. John L. Taylor, pastor of First

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SBC President Urges Harmony At St. Louis Session

EDITOR'S NOTE: Following is an interview with Carl Bates, president of the Southern Baptist Convention and pastor of First Baptist Church, Charlotte, N. C. The interview was conducted by Toby Druin, associate editor of the Biblical Recorder, Baptist state weekly newspaper in North Carolina. Bates reviews his first year as president of the SBC, reflects on the upcoming annual SBC session in St. Louis, June 1-3, and indicates he is willing to serve an additional term as president.

QUESTION: How would you describe your first year as president of the largest Protestant—evangelical religious group in the nation?

ANSWER: Busy! And demanding. But I would be untrue to the experience to fail to add that it also has been deeply satisfying. I have found myself at times really assured that somebody somewhere is praying for the president of the Southern Baptist Convention. There has been liberty and freedom that I could not have had any other way. At times I had

speaking assignments under fatigue and found myself literally carried away in the spirit. I know this is because my own church has kept its promise to pray for its pastor while he attempts to carry this responsibility. Many close, personal friends across the convention have prayed for the president.

Q: You were elected president at what was labeled by some observers as a "bitter" convention, and at that time you announced that you hoped to be a peacemaker. Do you

feel that you have accomplished your task in bringing a measure of healing to the SBC?

A: This remains to be seen. I have tried to speak kindly of any person or persons whose point of view is different from my own. I have granted him the right to differ without shutting him out or marking him off, and I have tried to be fair and considerate and Christian toward the various viewpoints around which people have polarized. But I have done this not because I have felt that it would issue in a "cooling down" of the situation, but because it is the way I live. I have lived here in North Carolina with people with whom I have differed almost diametrically, but we have been warm friends and brothers in Christ. We have tried to promote a great program to the glory of our Lord, and we have succeeded.

Q: Are there other factors that have led to the more peaceful atmosphere that seems to prevail?

A: There has been a wide concern for a greater spirit of harmony that may turn out to be as important a concern as the things that caused the bitterness at Denver. Whatever happened there happened because people were concerned: This same concern now seems to express itself and direct itself toward harmony because I think we saw what could conceivably happen if we did not assume the vital marks of a true Christian believer. Our Lord said, "By this

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25 Conversions At Kent State 'Anniversary'

KENT, Ohio (BP) — During the anniversary observances of the killing of four Kent State University students one year ago, about 500 students, hippies and yuppies attended a Jesus Festival of Love here led by Hollywood Baptist Evangelist Arthur Blessitt.

About 25 persons made decisions "to accept Christ as Lord and Savior" after Blessitt had spoken on "peace," and a "Jesus rock group" from Chicago had played, according to Lee Birdsong, the Baptist Student Union director for Kent State, who planned the meeting.

Birdsong said the response to the Jesus Rally was "an answer to prayer," and that it helped to "keep things cool" on the Kent State campus during four tense days when the students observed the anniversary of the tragedy on May 4, 1970.

On the final day of the anniversary, Kent State closed a building housing ROTC offices after several hundred students staged a sit-in blocking its doors. Numerous activities were staged during the four-day observance of the anniversary.

Birdsong said that attendance was cut at the Jesus Festival by one of

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Beauty Reigns At Carey College May Day

Beauty reigned on May 1st at the traditional May Day pageant at William Carey College. With special emphasis on visiting parents, the entire May Day activities were planned. Posing for the camera are members of the 1971 Court. Seated from left in front are Marilyn McMillan of Mobile; Queen Sandi Lott of McHenry; Kathie

Benge of Brookhaven. From left in back are Lewana Dean of Bay Minette, Ala.; Nan Neves of Fountain Inn, S. C.; Julie Unwin of Pahokee, Fla.; Maid of Honor Brenda Ashley Fulton of Hazlehurst; and Carol Martin of Hattiesburg.

Seminary To Graduate Its Largest Class

The largest graduating class in the history of the Mississippi Baptist Seminary will be present for the 28th annual commencement exercises to be held May 28.

One hundred seventy-seven candidates are scheduled to receive certificates, diplomas or degrees, according to Dr. T. B. Brown, Jackson, seminary president.

Upon recommendation of the seminary's board of trustees, two persons will be awarded the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity.

These are Rev. Richard Brogan, of Cleveland, associate director, Department of Work with National Baptists of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, and Rev. Wm. T. Guice, pastor, Mt. Bethel Baptist Church, Gulfport, and president of the Seminary's National Alumni Association.

Dr. Guice will also deliver the Commencement address at the service. Presentation of candidates will be made by Dr. Wm. P. Davis, director of the Department of Work with

National Baptists and academic dean of the Seminary.

Dr. Brown will deliver the degrees. The invocation will be given by Rev. Ivory James, teacher-missionary at Mound Bayou Center of Seminary.

Fred Nolan, deacon in Mt. Helm Baptist Church, Jackson, will bring special music.

Music director will be Miss Colena Daniels, music instructor, Central Center of the Seminary in Jackson. The Seminary is composed of the

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Texas Church Success In 'Outreach' Is Told Here

Dr. James E. Coggin of Fort Worth, Texas, told a large Baptist gathering in Jackson Thursday night, May 6 that "Travis Avenue Baptist Church came to the conclusion that it is a matter of determining what is your basic philosophy?"

Dr. Coggin, pastor of this church which has had such a tremendous growth the past few years, speaking at Broadmoor Baptist Church in Jackson, said "we determined that our basic purpose was outreach."

"Travis Avenue has long been an influential church but about 2 1/2 years ago we came to the conclusion that, like most metropolitan churches, we were just holding our own."

"But we were also convinced that you could reach the people."

At the request of the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn.,

Dr. Coggin is speaking in 20 states sharing with the church leaders the principles that have transformed the church into a spiritual power in the community, according to Rev. Bryant M. Cummings, director of the Sunday School Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, one of the sponsoring groups.

Continuing, Dr. Coggin told the Baptists from the entire area that "once we determined that our basic purpose was outreach, it was easier to program."

"It meant leaving off some meetings, but we found the people were willing to do it. The first and third Tuesdays are designated as outreach weeks when nothing is allowed to get in the way of visitation."

"What it has done is give our people

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Cooperative Gifts In Gain Of 11 Pct.

Mississippi Baptist Cooperative Program receipts for the first four months of this year, through April, totaled \$1,418,445, according to Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, Jackson, Executive-Secretary-Treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

This is a gain of \$140,523 or 11 percent over the \$1,277,922 given the same period of 1970, Dr. Hudgins added.

Receipts for April totaled \$331,750, a decrease of \$13,708 or 3.9 percent under the \$345,527 given in April of last year.

The Cooperative Program is the principal channel of mission giving of the denomination and accounts for about two-thirds of the total mission contributions.

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die School, Hong Kong. Currently schoolteacher in Jackson, Miss. Current address: 5715 Forest Hill Rd., Jackson, Miss. 39212. Church: Calvary Baptist, Jackson, Miss.

Don Boone is employed to work with Asian youth in Nairobi, Kenya. Currently assistant director of religious activities at Mississippi College, Clinton, and tutor for Community Service Association, Jackson, Miss. B. A., 1960, Mississippi College. Current address: 106 Fairmont, Clinton, Miss. 39006. Birthplace: Columbia, Miss.

Mrs. Don (Debbie) Boone is employed to work with Asian youth in Nairobi, Kenya. Currently senior at Mississippi College, Clinton. Current address: 106 Fairmont, Clinton, Miss. 39006.

Allen Clark is employed to be agriculturalist in Tukuyu, Tanzania. Currently biology and general science teacher at Leland High School. B. S., 1967, Mississippi College. Current and permanent address: C-O W. W. Clark Sr., Box 146, Stoneville, Miss. 38776.

Laura Dubison is employed to teach secondary English at Good Shepherd School, Addis Abeba, Ethiopia. Currently English teacher at Harrison Central High School, Lyman. Current address: Rt. 1, Box 504, Gulfport, Miss. 39001.

Connie Ellis is employed to teach college English in Seoul, Korea. Currently senior at Mississippi College, Clinton. Current address: Box 665, Clinton, Miss. 39006.

Shirley Monhundo is employed to teach English and history at Mombasa (Kenya) Baptist High School. Currently senior at Blue Mountain College. Current address: Box 263, Blue Mountain College, Blue Mountain, Miss. 39610.

Lynn Prickett is employed for nursing at Baptist Hospital and School of Nursing, Eku, Nigeria. Permanent address: Box 102, Sherman, Miss. 39369. Birthplace: Tupelo, Miss.

Tim Rayborn is employed to teach missionary children and assist in seminary, Penang, Malaysia, and Singapore. Currently senior at William Carey College, Hattiesburg. Current address: 1213 Franklin, Hattiesburg, Miss. 39401.

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June Smith is employed to be librarian at Baptist Seminary, Santiago, Chile. Currently assistant extension home economist in Forest, Miss. Current address: Box 276, Forest, Miss. 39074.

Kaye Wallace is employed to be church musician and music teacher in Osaka, Kobe and Kyoto, Japan. Currently student at Blue Mountain College. Current address: Box 225, Blue Mountain College, Blue Mountain, Miss. 39610.

Graham . . .

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usually attempted to combine sex, sensuality and violence into an alternative religion, much as Satan worship does today and much as Baal worship did then.

Mr. Graham said America faces the same challenge now between materialism and God, and warned that judgment must come on the American people unless they heed the warning of God and reverse the process of moral decay.

Earlier he detailed the story of Cain and Abel, entitling his sermon "The Way Of Cain." Again aiming at youth and the American nation in particular, he observed that there are but two ways by which all men must live. One of them, he said, is the way of Abel—obeying God's will, accepting the values God sets forth. The other is the way of Cain, self-willed, leading to jealousy and envy and hatred without discipline and which causes war and violence.

One evening sermon was entitled "Hangups," and noted Absalom, son of King David. Mr. Graham pointed out that Absalom had about every hangup modern youth complains of—from sex to being against the establishment and the military. "And he also had long hair," the evangelist noted. But Absalom gave in to his hangups rather than giving them to God, and eventually they caused his death," he added.

The opening sermon on Sunday afternoon dealt with truth and freedom, areas of vital interest to today's youth. Counselors noted that about 70 per cent of those who responded to the evangelist's invitation to make "decisions for Christ" were young people. There seemed to be little emotionalism throughout the service.

Instead, an attitude of determination and joy marked those who came forward. Several young couples came forward arm in arm or hand in hand. A few came with their parents or older persons.



Pilgrim's Rest (Copiah) To Celebrate Centennial

Pilgrim's Rest Church, Copiah County, will observe its CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY on May 16. The morning message will be brought by Jimmy Dildake, one of the young men who went out from the church into Christian education and is now serving in First Church, Russellville, Kentucky. The church will serve lunch for all visitors and members present. All former members and pastors are urged to attend. The afternoon services will consist of a song service and the reading of highlights of the church history. "This will be our regular homecoming and memorial day. All the graves in the cemetery will be decorated as the closing part of the day's service," states Rev. V. R. Crider, pastor.

NEWS BRIEFS

HOBBS HOSPITALIZED WITH BLOOD CLOT, ENGAGEMENTS CANCELLED

OKLAHOMA CITY, (BP)—Former Southern Baptist Convention President Herschel H. Hobbs, pastor of First Baptist Church here, has been hospitalized with a blood clot.

Physicians have asked that he cancel all outside engagements until September, and that he not return to his pulpit until about July 1.

Although he is no longer in intensive care, officials at Baptist Hospital here said Hobbs could not have visitors or phone calls. They anticipate dismissal from the hospital in mid-May.

Hobbs was president of the SBC from 1961-63. He was elected president at the 1961 Southern Baptist Convention in St. Louis, but will not be able to attend the SBC when it meets in St. Louis June 1-3, 1971.

LOTTIE MOON OFFERING SETS RECORD: CAUTHEN THANKS SOUTHERN BAPTISTS

RICHMOND (BP)—The 1970 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions climbed to an all-time high of \$16,220,104.99 as the books at the board's office were closed, April 30.

Baker J. Cauthen, executive secretary for the Southern Baptist agency, said the figure was \$22,546.36 beyond the 1969 total. Funds received after April 30 would be credited to the 1971 offering, he said.

Cauthen expressed gratitude to the Southern Baptist Woman's Missionary Union, denominational leaders, pastors and congregations for making the Week of Prayer and the offering "so significant in the task of world missions."

Asked why he thought the offering had taken such a large jump, Cauthen replied, "It reflects Southern Baptist's deep determination to move forward in the wider dimensions of the world missions task and affirms again that Southern Baptists are essentially a missionary people."

Expressing appreciation for the current increase in Southern Baptist Cooperative Program funds, Cauthen said the record Lottie Moon Offering will strengthen the Cooperative Program by deepening Southern Baptists' awareness of world need.

Baptist Membership Drops In Britain

LONDON (EP)—Membership of Baptist churches in the British Isles fell last year by 5,806—from 274,871 to 269,065—according to official data published here.

The statistics, based on counts taken Jan. 1, 1970, also showed that membership of churches affiliated with the Baptist Union of Great Britain and Ireland was down 3,559 from 250,305 to 246,746.

In the past decade, total membership of Baptist churches throughout the British Isles has fallen by 14 per cent, from 317,692 to 269,065. In the 30-year period beginning 1941, the decrease has been nearly 30 per cent.



SEVERAL LEADERS attending the statewide "Outreach" meeting at Broadmoor Church in Jackson May 6 were, from left: Dr. David Grant, host pastor; Dr. James Coggins, Ft. Worth, Texas, speaker; Rev. Fred Tarpley, superintendent of missions for Hinds-Madison Association and Rev. Bryant Cummings, director of Sunday School Department.

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ple time to visit. And visit they do. Whereas a handful of people used to turn out for weekly visitation, there are close to 300 now.

"Now there are nine buses bringing more than 300 people per Sunday to the services."

"Christians who have never won anybody in their whole life are experiencing the unexcelled joy of bringing people to Christ."

"Our goal this year is to baptize 400 people. Sunday School attendance is running 300-400 higher than a year ago. Under the new focus on outreach, there have been more commitments to Christ among the young but more importantly said one youth, 'the commitments are being carried out now.'"

"Travis Avenue young people are helping to bring the 'Jesus Movement' into Paschal High where daily prayer meetings have been held during the past three months, without adult supervision."

The enthusiasm generated by the renewal of outreach has had a marked effect on church giving at Travis Avenue. Church gifts this year are about \$50,000 above the same period a year ago.

"Members canvassed 600 blocks around the church and pre-enrolled 1,500 youngsters in VBS. The average attendance was 1,100. There were 78 professions of faith."

"To draw people who may not be receptive to a normal service, Travis Avenue schedules special features every six to eight weeks on Sunday night."

"We've got the best product in the world, but we've gotta go sell it!"

Also assisting in sponsoring the meeting was the Hinds-Madison Baptist Association, Rev. Fred Tarpley, superintendent of missions. Dr. David Grant is pastor of Broadmoor Church.

Stewardship Meeting Ask "Lordship . . ."

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pared papers on the same subject, "The Christian and the Tithes." Although there were some slight differences and understandings of the Christian's relationship to the Old Testament legalistic tithe, all agreed that a Christian's giving under "grace," should exceed giving under the "law."

Jerry Horner, professor of New Testament at Southwestern Baptist College, Bolivar, Mo., stated, "The New Testament nowhere tells us to give less than a tenth and, while taking care to avoid a legalistic system, we should beware lest we fall into a reckless and haphazard system. 'Christ did not die on the cross to enable us to give 2 per cent instead of 10 per cent, and the word 'grace' is not a cloak of covetousness to do less instead of more," Horner said.

Stating that any argument for tithing in the New Testament is "very weak," Horner said that one-sixth of Jesus' saying dealt with money, but he never mentioned the tithe in his teaching concerning the attitude of a person toward his possessions. "In fact Jesus mentioned tithing only twice, and both instances were negative pronouncements pertaining to Jewish legalistic piety."

"The scriptures do not give the direct and unambiguous attestation to the tithe that many of its advocates presupposed," Horner said. Jesus made a higher demand than the law of the tithe, expecting his followers to commit all their resources to the service of God, not just a tenth, he added.

Franklin Paschall, pastor of First Baptist Church, Nashville, pointed out that though he said little about it, Jesus was a tither. "Even the enemies of Jesus never accused him of not paying tithes," Paschall said. "If he had been neglectful at this point surely they would have exalted in this obvious shortcoming."

Both Paschall and William Hendricks, professor at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, pointed out dangers in over-emphasis of the tithe so that it becomes the end of stewardship rather than a small part of stewardship. Hendricks listed among such dangers the implication that the tithe is a legal requirement for becoming "Christian," that God will bless a person materially for tithing, that a person pays his full obligation to God by tithing, or that the promise of giving (or withholding) the tithe might be used as an economic pressure in the church, especially to control the pulpit.

Brooks Wester, pastor of First Baptist Church, Hattiesburg, Miss., told the conference that tithing is currently a controversial issue in religious circles. "There are those who declare tithing to be an integral part of the Christian life and is required of every Christian. There are others who reject tithing as being Old Testament legalism that leads to a self-righteousness of spirit in the one practicing the tithe."

Wester concluded that tithing can be presented from the biblical message as being a spiritual exercise that honors God in his ownership. "Tithing is basically an act of worship that declares the greatness of God and the work of a man when he is obedient to God," he said.

In the panel, that followed, Wester said he was impressed that four men could have worked nearly two years on the same subject and reached similar positions.

Other papers during the four-day conference dealt with God's relationship to material things in creation and redemption and a Christian's view of material things. Interspersed with the 14 messages were Bible studies

and discussion sessions in small groups.

In another major paper, Malcolm Tolbert, professor at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, said that Jesus' primary concern in his teachings and attitudes toward material wealth was an emphasis on the danger of worshipping material possessions in a form of idolatry.

"A man can tithe and still be an idolater," Tolbert said. "In fact, his tithing can deepen his idolatry if it relieves him of a sense of responsibility to God for the rest of his possessions."

Tolbert concluded, "The Bible teaches us to love God and people and use material things; however, the common tendency is to love possessions and to exploit God and people."

Jack Taylor, pastor of Castle Hill Baptist Church, San Antonio, Tex., said that God created things for his glory, man's good and Christ's exaltation.

J. Leo Green, professor at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, N. C., discussed stewardship in relation to creation, saying God created material things to serve his sovereign purpose and to serve the needs of man.

"But man has become his victim of his own victory," Green said. "In dominating creative things, he has become dominated by things."

James Leo Garrett, professor at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, said that whether material things are good or evil may depend on man's usage of them.

State Conference

On Aging To Be At Broadmoor Church

President Nixon has announced a second White House Conference on Aging later this year. This follows district and state conferences being held throughout the nation. Mississippi's Statewide Conference on Aging will be on May 20 in Jackson, at Broadmoor Baptist Church. It was announced by H. J. Massie, conference coordinator.

Dr. Reginald White, Director, East Mississippi State Hospital, Meridian, will be the keynote speaker. Following registration at 9:00, the day's program proper begins at 9:45. Travis McCharen, Booneville, chairman of the Mississippi Council on Aging, will preside at the all-day meeting.

Dr. White has long been interested in the problems of the aging and has attended conferences in Washington, D.C. He is on the Meridian Council on Aging and is involved in the Listening Post program, which is an informational and referral service, designed to help other people in trouble.

Others on the program include Dr. David Grant, devotional speaker, Jackson; E. D. Kenna, welcome; and H. J. Massie, conference coordinator.

The State Conference, to be held in the recreation wing of the Broadmoor Baptist Church, 767 East Northside Drive, Jackson, will be a work conference designed to prepare Mississippi's policy recommendations for the National White House Conference, Massie said. This follows a series of nine district conferences held throughout the state and which were concerned with such subjects as income of older people, health, housing, nutrition, employment, transportation, spiritual well-being, and the like.

Policy recommendations coming out of the State Conference will be forwarded to Washington for consideration in the National Conference this fall, Massie said. "Since these National conferences are scheduled at ten-year intervals, it is imperative that all interested persons, young and old, be present in Jackson on May 20 to help with policy formulation," he said.

Jackson-Hinds Retired Teachers Association and the American Association of Retired Persons will provide the refreshments.

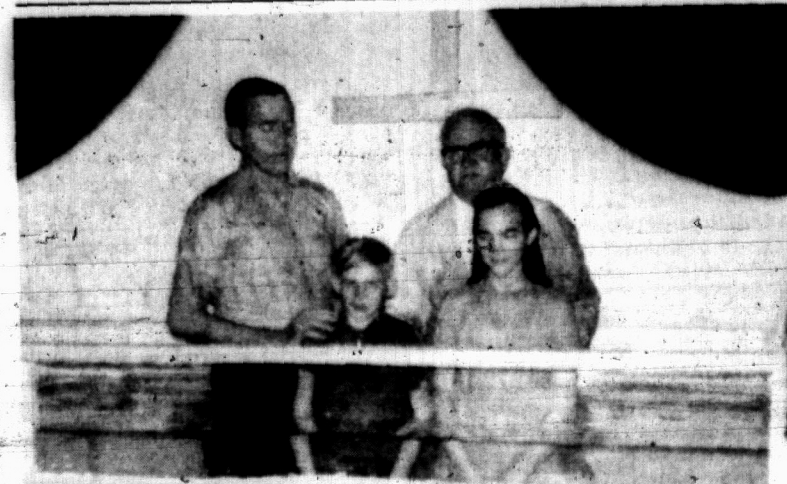
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Central Center in Jackson plus 34 centers or extensions located over the state.

The Commencement program will be held in the auditorium of the Seminary located on Delta Drive in Jackson beginning at 11:00 a.m.

The National Alumni Hour will begin at 2 p.m.



Father And Children Baptized

Recently Master Sergeant Charles P. Prewett of Keesler Air Force Base, Biloxi, and two of his children were baptized into the fellowship of Olivet Church, Gulfport. The children are Debra LaVaughn, and Charles P. Jr. Previously his other daughter Betty Jean had been baptized. Rev. A. T. Walker, pastor, is seen with them after ordinance had been administered.

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shall all men know that you are my disciples, if you love one another. "And he gave the critical and unbelieved world the right to examine the genuineness of our profession. I think our concern now is that the world shall know that we really are true followers of Jesus Christ. It is my personal hope that in St. Louis this will be the dominant thought in our minds and hearts — that we shall all pray the report goes out from our meeting that these people truly love one another, and love God.

Q. There continues to be some discussion and criticism of the handling of the withdrawal of Volume One of the Broadman Bible Commentary as ordered by the Denver Convention. How do you feel about it?

A. I feel we are obligated by the action in Denver to give the Sunday School Board a real chance to resolve the matter.

Q. Have you found any particular issues that seem to be uppermost in the minds of Southern Baptists?

A. There seems to me to be as much concern expressed about the various colleges in the Southern Baptist Convention as any other individual part of Southern Baptist life. And there is the normal discussion of what is taking place in our seminaries. There is as much concern about our approach to education as about any other phase of Southern Baptist life.

Q. Do you see any significant trends in Southern Baptist life?

A. I think I see evidence of a real revival among Southern Baptists. This is not just a surface thing; it is a deep searching for the presence and power of God.

Q. What is your appraisal of the apparent spiritual awakening among the nation's youth?

A. These young people have finally realized that they cannot build their lives on man-made systems. They have begun to sense that they have been the victims of manipulators and persons with vested interests. They are all at sea and are in a great search for meaning and a foundation on which to build their lives. It could be the start of the greatest turn to God this world has ever seen if we could get the message to them in language they can understand. This is one of the greatest challenges we face. There has always been a generation gap, but there never has been a credibility gap such as they see in the church. Now that these young people have recognized the credibility gaps in our approaches, we must find ways to present to them the New Testament. If we don't do this we are going to miss an opportunity that may never come again.

Q. What are some of the questions you are most often asked?

A. It depends on who I am having dialogue with. If it is college-age or teenage young people, they want to know what the New Testament teaches. Surprisingly enough, they are not interested in the various philosophical and theological expressions of the Christian faith. They ask me, "Tell us in understandable terms what the New Testament teaches about the Christian faith." Pastors usually want to know what impressions I have gathered about Southern Baptist life and most are grasping for some encouraging signs.

Q. Do they have reason for encouragement?

A. Yes! If they could see as I have seen, Southern Baptists and their commitment to world outreach, they would be greatly encouraged. I believe Southern Baptists have the greatest opportunity to speak to the world in our history, provided we speak out of one of our basic principles — the New Testament as the only and all-sufficient source of faith and practice. If we will stand on that and speak with courage and boldness in this hour we will claim our greatest opportunity I am convinced of this.

Q. Southern Baptist support of the Cooperative Program appears to have leveled off somewhat, although the first quarter of 1971 showed a healthy increase. What do we as Southern Baptists need to do in the area of stewardship?

A. We must improve our per capita giving and the various states must find ways to increase the percentage of the Cooperative program dollar going to worldwide causes. Then, too, it is the first and primary concern of every Southern Baptist agency to promote the Cooperative Program because it is the lifeline of all that we are trying to do.

Q. You have kept a rigorous schedule as SBC president. How many miles have you traveled and how many states have you visited? Do you know how many speeches you have made?

A. I don't have any idea how many miles I have traveled. I have limited my travel to between Sundays. I promised my church I would be at home on Sundays and Wednesday nights, and it is a good thing I made the promise. I have received more than 150 invitations to speak on various programs and a quick calculation will show that I could spend the next three years away from home. I don't know how many speeches I have made, but I have spoken to many

state conventions, evangelism conferences and associations and to the various boards and agencies of the convention. This constitutes a part of the pressure on the president, having to prepare an address that may not be at all like a sermon. But I am like most pastors who have come to this place — I give the same speech and make different applications and put in new illustrations. But someone said that sooner or later if I were permitted to preach I would make a straight line to the ministry of the Holy Spirit and spend most of my message there.

Q. How have your presidential duties and responsibilities affected your church?

A. During the year the church has paid off its indebtedness to two city blocks of downtown Charlotte. The church has put \$150,000 cash in the bank and the men under my associate, Joe Burnette's direction have let a contract for new buildings (\$1.8 million). I have no hesitation in saying that this church would go on if I were gone every Sunday. This is true for two reasons — I have had the finest assistant that any pastor ever had in Joe Burnette, and we have the finest leadership in our young men and the ones who were here under the former pastor when he was president. (C. C. Warren, whom Bates succeeded at FBC, Charlotte, was SBC president in 1956-57). The church has taken it in magnificent fashion. Our attendance is up, our offerings are up and the membership has shown some gain.

Q. Has there been any single incident during the year that you would consider a highlight of the year?

A. There have been many thrilling and exciting and gratifying experiences. I will never forget the closing night of the North Carolina evangelism conference when nearly 20,000 young people attended a youth rally. Another highlight was my opportunity to participate in the Foreign Mission appointment service for 27 missionaries in Louisville. I suppose it was as moving an experience as I have had all year. Close to this was the experience in New Orleans when J. D. Grey gave me the mementoes from my old hotel room where I had my conversion experience.

Q. What are a few of the things you would most like to see Southern Baptists accomplish?

A. There are two or three things we must do: 1. Southern Baptists must not only increase their activity but must deepen their commitment. I think if we let people chide us for being activists and let them hinder our efforts, we ought to bow our heads in shame. 2. We have got to find a way to combine personal and social aspects of the gospel. We must not become divided in this hour in our nation on whether we will "do" the gospel or "preach" the gospel. 3. We must find new ways to say as well as live the same old truth which has not changed in this generation and will not change in the next. If we can find ways to speak to the great vacuum that exists in the present generation the wonderful truth of the gospel of God, and if we can show that it makes a difference in our lives, it could issue in a great turning to Christ. We can be pure in the midst of immorality; we can keep our purpose in a world gone mad; we can find ways to love one another in a world that is being destroyed by hate.

Q. Will you allow your name to be placed in nomination for a second term as president?

Q. If Southern Baptists want me and if I can help in some way by accepting an additional term, I will do my best if re-elected.

WMU Annual Meet To Feature State WMU Member

Mrs. David Hicks, an active WMU member of First Baptist Church of Oxford, Miss., will share her WMU's mission action projects with those attending the Southern Baptist Woman's Missionary Union annual meeting in St. Louis, Mo., May 31.

The annual meeting will be a time of commitment to missions. Sessions will be 9:30, 2:00, and 7:00 in the Opera House of Kiel Auditorium.

Each session will include a feature called "Dimensions of Success." Pastors, church and state WMU leaders, and missionary personnel will tell how mission study, mission action, and mission support have made an impact on their churches. During this time Mrs. Hicks will tell about the involvement of the WMU of her church in providing Vacation Bible Schools and sharing in a Day of Prayer with the Negro community near their church.

Continually minister and witness to people about you; for as you do, you will not only mature as a Christian, but you will also help others to know your Christ. — Ed Seabough in *Bible On and other rules*, a Broadman book.

Related Meetings Planned At SBC

Church Music Conferences To Meet Following SBC

ST. LOUIS, Mo. (BP) — The Southern Baptist Church Music Conference will meet here for sessions following the Southern Baptist Convention, with a jammed-packed program beginning Friday morning and ending at noon Saturday, June 4-5.

During the 14 day meeting, church musicians from throughout the Southern Baptist Convention will hear a half-dozen addresses, almost as many concerts by Baptist choirs, the premier of three commissioned works for the meeting, three music worship periods, a composer's symposium, a lecture-demonstration, banquet entertainment, and attend four division conferences for special interest groups.

The annual banquet for the conference will be held Friday evening at the Holiday Inn, North, with entertainment by The Naturals of Mississippi College, Clinton, Miss., directed by Jack Lyall.

Headquarters hotel for the conference will be the Holiday Inn, North, located about 20 minutes from downtown St. Louis by expressway.

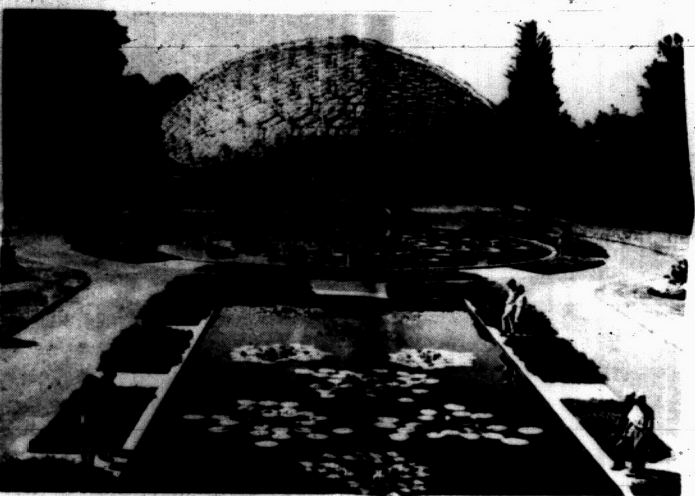
Ministers' Wives Luncheon Set

ST. LOUIS (BP) — The Southern Baptist Conference of Ministers' Wives will hold a luncheon meeting here Tuesday, June 1, at Third Baptist Church, carrying on the theme, "Meet Me in St. Louis."

Featured speaker for the luncheon will be David Edens of Stephens College, Columbia, Mo., a noted marriage counselor, psychotherapist, professor and writer.

Musical entertainment will be presented by Mr. and Mrs. David Wilch of the Kirkwood Baptist Church of St. Louis.

Mrs. Malcolm Knight of Jacksonville, Fla., president of the organization, said tickets would be available in St. Louis on Monday, May 31. Advance reservations may be made by writing to the vice president of the organization, Mrs. Brooks Ramsey, 67 Chestwood Dr., St. Louis, said Mrs. Knight.



THE CLIMATRON, St. Louis' famed domed greenhouse at the Missouri Botanical Garden (known also as Shaw's Garden), will be one of several attractions of natural beauty greeting visitors to St. Louis for the Southern Baptist Convention, June 1-3.

Laymen's Forum On Missions Slated At SBC

ST. LOUIS (BP) — A laymen's forum on missions involvement has been planned for June 2 at the Southern Baptist Convention here by a committee of laymen in cooperation with the Southern Baptist Brotherhood Commission.

The laymen's forum will be held in addition to a previously announced Baptist Men's Conference scheduled on Monday evening, May 31. A joint program will be printed for both meetings, said W. J. Isbell, secretary of the men's department for the SBC Brotherhood Commission, Memphis.

The forum, which will be held on Wednesday afternoon during the time scheduled for alumni meetings, will begin with a luncheon at 1:15 at the Lenox Hotel, 125 Washington St.

Isbell and the other members

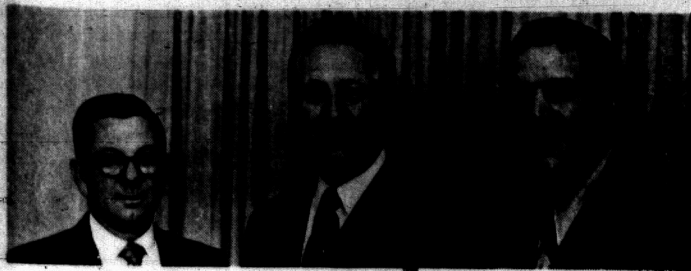
Nursery Facilities To Be Limited

ST. LOUIS, Mo. (BP) — Nursery facilities at the Southern Baptist Convention meeting here June 1-3 will be limited, and the chairman of the nursery committee for the convention has recommended that messengers do not bring infants and preschool children to the convention.

Earl Pounds, chairman of the committee, said that because of the limited space, the committee had decided to try to care only for children through age three for out of town convention messengers. No local area children will be accepted in the nursery, he said.

Parents unable to make other arrangements will be provided a first-come, first-served basis, Pounds said.

The nursery will be located in the Exhibition Area of Kiel Auditorium, on the level below the convention floor.



CARL E. BATES (center), president of the Southern Baptist Convention, goes over convention plans with Joe Burnette (left), president elect of the Southern Baptist Religious Education Association, and William Jarvis (right), music director for the SBC, June 1-3, St. Louis. Bates is pastor of First, Charlotte, N. C., Burnette is associate pastor, and Jarvis is minister of music. (BP) Photo by Toby Drulin

Baptist Men's Theme

"Laymen In Missions"

ST. LOUIS (BP) — "Laymen in Missions" will be the theme of the Baptist Men's Conference scheduled here on Monday, May 31, prior to the SBC June 1-3.

W. J. Isbell, Jr., director of the Brotherhood Commission, said the conference will be to: (1) provide an opportunity for laymen attending the Southern Baptist Convention to attend a Baptist Men's Conference; (2) provide an opportunity for local laymen

to attend a Southern Baptist Convention Baptist Men's Conference; and (3) present ideas on how laymen can become involved in mission outreach.

Four addresses will highlight the program.

Jack Stanton, associate director of the Division of Evangelism of the Home Mission Board, will speak on the involvement of laymen in missions through evangelism.

James Johnson, Data Management Supervisor for the General Portland Cement Company of Dallas, Texas and coordinator of Action for Christ, Inc., a mission action organization operating from the First Baptist Church, Arlington, Texas, will speak on involving laymen in missions through vocations.

Dr. Timothy Pennell, assistant professor of surgery at Bowman Gray School of Medicine in Winston-Salem, N. C., will speak on involving laymen in missions through professions.

Fred Rhodes, Deputy Administrator of the Veterans Administration and first vice-president of the Southern Baptist Convention, will speak on involving laymen in missions through the denomination.

Evangelists' Conference Slates Four Speakers, Gospel Music

ST. LOUIS (BP) — Messages by four Baptist evangelists and an hour-long gospel music concert will be featured during the 16th annual Conference of Southern Baptist Evangelists here, Wednesday, June 2, during the Southern Baptist Convention.

Sessions will be held at the 2,400-seat Third Baptist Church, and conference president Charles Massee, an evangelist from Dallas, said he expects the auditorium to be filled.

Major speakers will be Bob Harrington, the "chaplain of

Religious Educators To Look At "What's Happening Now"

ST. LOUIS (BP) — The Southern Baptist Religious Education Association, meeting here for a two-day session May 30-31 just prior to the Southern Baptist Convention will feature a series of addresses on what's "Happening Now" in church ministries.

The program will cover what is happening in the fields of day care, youth work, ministry to exceptional persons, ministry to the aging, church busing, and will conclude with an address on the place of evangelism in religious education by Kenneth L. Chafin, director of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board's Evangelism Division.

Southern Baptist Convention President Carl E. Bates, who will preside over the SBC sessions on June 1-3, will address the association on "The Place of Religious Education in My Ministry."

Another major address will be brought by W. L. Howse, director of the Education Division for the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville. A luncheon paying tribute to Howse's contributions to Baptist life will be held at noon Monday, May 31, following his address.

The conference will get underway at 2:00 p. m., Sunday, May 30, at the Chase-Park Plaza Hotel in St. Louis, and will conclude at 9:30 p. m., Monday, May 31.

Music for the conference will be directed by William Robert Souther, minister of music and youth, First Baptist Church, Brookhaven, Miss., and pianist will be Sue Murphy, pianist at Tower Grove Baptist Church, St. Louis.

In addition, the conference will sponsor an "Open House Showcase" after hours at the convention each evening beginning at 10:00 o'clock in the Ballroom of the St. Louis Gateway Hotel, Monday, May 31 through Wednesday, June 2. The "Open House Showcase" will feature gospel music, refreshments, fellowships, and inspiration, Massee said.

Triggs, Yazoo City, Miss., secretary of the Agricultural Missions Foundation, on the use of agricultural assistance in world missions efforts; Dr. Jasper McPhail, Md., a member of Second Baptist Church, Little Rock, Ark., and a former Southern Baptist medical missionary, on the church at work in the local community and Cooper, president of Mississippi Chemical Corp., Yazoo City, Miss., who will speak on giving as a response to mission support resulting from missions knowledge and involvement.



UNION STATION, once St. Louis' most prominent landmark, is only a few blocks from the site of the Southern Baptist Convention's 114th session, June 1-3, at Kiel Auditorium, St. Louis. Though almost dark and silent now, at one time the 20-acre station served 19 railroads and some 200 trains per day. Across from the station in Aloe Plaza is the Miles Fountain (foreground), a bronze sculpture group of 14 figures depicting the joining of the Mississippi and Missouri Rivers at St. Louis.

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EDITORIAL

Texas Pastors Challenge To "Outreach"

Is this a day when churches no longer can be effective? Are the predictions true that the "post-Protestant era" has come, and that the institutional church no longer is relevant?

Two Texas pastors, who were in Mississippi last week do not believe so. They told Mississippi audiences what God is doing in two Texas churches, and challenged Mississippi pastors and leaders to let Him do similar things in churches in this state. The pastors were urging evangelistic "outreach."

Dr. John Bisagno, pastor of First Church, Houston, and Dr. James Coggin, pastor of Travis Avenue Church, Fort Worth were the speakers. They spoke respectively at First Church, Greenville on Thursday morning, and at Broadmoor Church, Jackson on Thursday night.

Both of these pastors thrilled their hearers with reports of the things which are happening in their churches. First, Houston has seen great advance in every area of the church life, with more than 1400 additions during the past year. Travis Avenue has seen great increases in Sunday school enrollment and attendance, and in the whole church program, and expects to baptize more than 400 this year.

Bisagno's special assignment was to discuss the "Bus Ministry" which is being used in Houston, and which now is creating interest and beginning to be used in numerous churches across the convention. He told of the revival which has swept his congregation, through this bus ministry and the many other innovations they are using to reach people.

Coggin included the bus ministry in his discussion, but came to present the whole program of evangelistic outreach which has been adopted in Travis Avenue. He has been

asked by the Sunday School Board to tell the Travis Avenue story all over the Southern Baptist Convention, and is working with Sunday school departments and other state leaders in special conferences being held in the various states.

The Travis Avenue expansion centers in its Sunday school, although vast changes have been made in its whole program. However, it is the Sunday school which is being utilized for expansion, visitation, and enlistment in the whole outreach effort. As one heard Dr. Coggin speak he could not but remember the Southern Baptist emphasis of a few years ago, when it was said that if you want to build a great church, build a great Sunday school. Evidently that concept is being revived, and well it should be, for Southern Baptist Sunday school enrollment has begun to decline, and other work is suffering because of it.

Dr. Coggin told of how that Travis Avenue had leveled off in its growth and outreach, and of how leaders foresaw that decline well might set in. The church faced the question of deciding what it wanted to do, namely: provide the best good-will center program in the city; develop the church as a great training center for those already won to Christ; or launch out to reach people in a great evangelistic outreach. The matter was studied prayerfully and carefully, and the church deliberately chose to make its basic program and major emphasis evangelistic outreach. It decided that its chief purpose as a church was to reach people, and it set about to do just that.

Staff members and lay leaders went as teams to visit the twenty-five churches in America with the largest Sunday schools. These included Baptists and other denominations. Several of the largest ones were "In-

dependent Baptist" churches. The methods and programs of all of these churches were studied, and reports were carefully analyzed. Out of this came the new program for Travis Avenue.

The church set plans for building its Sunday school in order to effect the evangelistic outreach. It delayed a \$200,000 program for remodeling kitchen and dining room facilities, spending \$25,000 on that, and using the rest of the money for the purchase of additional property to provide for more Sunday school departments and for more parking space.

Dr. Coggin said that there were several factors in the great advance which they had begun to see in their outreach effort. They are: 1. Simplicity of organization. 2. They adopted the program which was found in every one of the twenty-five large churches surveyed, of accepting the full authority of the Bible as the Word of God, and teaching and proclaiming the Bible message as the first need of man. 3. They developed a spirit of confidence and victory. 4. They give emphasis to results. They use a bus ministry and other innovative methods to reach people. 5. They give large emphasis to the Vacation Bible School. 6. They have sought to develop compassion... concern for people.

Dr. Coggin stirred the audience as he told of two little boys in a poverty stricken home, located only two blocks from the church. When two men went to the little home to invite the family, one of the little boys said, "Mister, do you mean that you want us to come to that big church?" as he pointed to the steeple which could be seen down the street. When the men assured him that they did want him, this Junior boy said, "Well, mister, I'll come." The next Sunday he came, and was saved. The next Sunday he brought a brother, and he was saved. Then they brought a sister, and the mother, and both were saved. Really one cold wintry morning, a man in a suit walked down the aisle of this great church, professing faith in Christ.

The chairman of the deacons, one of Texas' outstanding lawyers, said as he watched this man come, "I'm so glad to be a member of a church where a man in shirt sleeves on a wintry morning, feels free to come down the aisle to accept Christ. Now that we have won him to Christ, we can help him get a coat, but if we had simply given him a coat, we might never have won him to Christ."

Dr. Coggin reported that people from all over the city, and from all classes of society, are being attracted to Travis Avenue, because of what God is doing there.

He did not ask other churches to do what Travis Avenue has done, but he did challenge them to do something in outreach, because the people are all around, just waiting for churches to come out and find them and bring them to the Bible and to Jesus Christ.

We would hope that all Mississippi will hear this challenge.

trines, and that no change in these should be expected. No change can be expected from Baptists either, so it appears to us that there is little ground for closer ecumenical relationships than those who long have had."

Again I must demur. That no change in basic doctrines can be expected by either Roman Catholics or Southern Baptists is a judgment in which I concur. The logic of your conclusion eludes me, however. We must be frank in saying that ecumenical relationships between Southern Baptists and Roman Catholics have been, up to the very recent past, a dismal disgrace. Roman Catholics have some unhappy situations in Latin America to atone for, while some Southern Baptists in this country have in the past questioned not only whether Catholics can be patriotic but whether Catholics can be Christians.

Furthermore, while neither of us will change our basic doctrines, I would hope both of us will grow in our understanding of these doctrines. Might it not be that what seem to be irreconcilable differences now might in the future have points of convergence through the sharing and deepening of insights? Even if our doctrines remain irreconcilable in some areas, do you not think that we need to develop a greater understanding of one another's doctrines so that we will be able to relate to one another at a deeper level?

This letter, like your editorial, has dwelt on differences. You seem to say, "there are fundamental differences, so dialogue is not possible." I would say, "there are fundamental differences, so dialogue is necessary." But I would say more.

There are not only differences; there is also unity. Both Catholics and Southern Baptists profess Jesus Christ to be Lord and Savior. Both Catholics and Southern Baptists believe that conversion of life is necessary for an authentic Christianity. Both Catholics and Southern Baptists root their faith in God's revelation as contained in Sacred Scripture. Both Catholics and Southern Baptists see their mission as proclaiming the

Ring The Bells

"Ring all church bells on Saturday against the war in Viet Nam." That was the announcement I heard on the radio on Thursday night. Churches of the nation were being asked to ring their bells as part of the national protest against the war which now is in progress.

Earlier in the day I had read a news release on how that "more than twenty religious social action agencies and organizations" have joined in "an interfaith campaign to end the war in Indochina called 'Set the Date Now'."

We can understand the concern of these groups about ending the war. There would be few people in America who would not agree that this tragic conflict should be ended as rapidly as possible. Both the "doves" and the

"hawks" would agree on this, although for altogether different reasons.

There is a serious question, however, concerning churches becoming involved in "set the date" drives, or in joining in "protest" movements. We think that it would be far more fitting if the churches rang their bells calling America to repentance and prayer that God would get us out of this conflict without complete surrender to communism. The churches and Christian people do need to be involved, but their most effective involvement will be "on their knees," rather than "on the march" against government policies. The president and other officials need our prayers more than our protest.

THE BAPTIST FORUM

Monsignor Law Responds To "Dialogue" Editorial

Dear Dr. Odle:

I am both honored and embarrassed to find excerpts from a lengthy interview with me reprinted in an editorial of *The Baptist Record*, April 22, 1971. I am honored because of my respect and admiration for you and the excellent periodical which you edit. I am embarrassed lest my words be misunderstood, and in the process do harm to a growing climate of fellowship and unity between Southern Baptists and Catholics, a development for which I give thanks to God.

When two persons engage in conversation which is more than a mere surface exchange of polite platitudes, it is necessary to state as clearly as possible where each stands on the issue under discussion. Roman Catholics have a perception of Church which finds articulation in a succession of statements binding on our fellowship. We perceive our understanding of Church as rooted in the faith of the early Church and recorded in the New Testament. This succession of binding statements we understand as Tradition. This Tradition, we affirm, is not in conflict with Revelation, but rather in conformity to it.

Our understanding of Church will necessarily influence our concept of the goal of ecumenism. By the same token, a Southern Baptist understanding of Church will influence the goal for cooperative Christianity acceptable to Southern Baptists.

What it is difficult for me to understand is why a difference in perception of the goal should eliminate the necessity or desirability of dialogue. I would have thought that precisely because there is this important area of difference that this should become an area of mutual study and sharing of insights. It grieves me that a paper as illustrious as yours should even seem to suggest that dialogue is necessary or undesirable.

Perhaps we understand the term dialogue differently. For me the word does not mean debate. To dialogue means to try to

understand another, even if in understanding, one still disagrees. History is full of horrible examples of what can happen through misunderstanding among Christians. We could cite examples to one another in which both Southern Baptists and Roman Catholics have been victims of prejudice and persecution because of misunderstanding concerning their beliefs.

If I may be presumptuous, may I say that your editorial is itself proof of a need for theological dialogue between Southern Baptists and Roman Catholics. The very question you raise is an initial step in dialogue, and I am grateful for your candor.

The difference which you cite between "union" and "unity" would lend itself to fruitful dialogue. You state in your editorial, "Other participants in the ecumenical movements (sic), have made pretty plain what their objective is. They are interested in 'union.' For example, the Roman Catholic position in these ecumenical dialogues, was made very clear in an interview... in *Mississippi Today*." Presumably you are inferring that Catholics seek union rather than unity, indicating that unity is an acceptable goal for Southern Baptists, while union is not. The passage from my interview which you quoted does not once use the term union. On the contrary, the word unity appears six times!

It may be that we understand the word unity differently. If this is so, then let us dialogue on our understanding of the word. Please note, however, that I did not speak of union, as your editorial seems to imply. The word communion is used twice, but my understanding of this term would see it as implied in the word unity.

The editorial states, "It is theological beliefs (doctrine), which divides Baptists from others. A leader from Rome said in a dialogue group some months ago, that Roman Catholicism had not changed its basic doc-



THE SPOTS COULD BE MADE CLEAN BY A TRANSFUSION = 1 JOHN 1:7-9 "THE BLOOD OF JESUS CHRIST HIS SON CLEANSETH US FROM ALL SIN. IF WE SAY WE HAVE NO SIN, WE DECEIVE OURSELVES, AND THE TRUTH IS NOT IN US. IF WE CONFESS OUR SINS, HE IS FAITHFUL AND JUST TO FORGIVE US OUR SINS, AND TO CLEANSE US FROM ALL UNRIGHTOUSNESS."

THE PULSE IS WEAK

NEWEST BOOKS

HASTINGS' ILLUSTRATIONS by Robert J. Hastings (Broadman, 136 pp., paperback) These 200 anecdotes and illustrations have been cross-indexed to show how any one story may have four or five uses. Teachers, preachers, and speakers will find the book immediately useful in its graphic applications, newspaper accounts of everyday happenings, stories from the lives of famous people, and unique insights on issues of the '70's. The author is editor of the Illinois Baptist.

AT THE RISK OF BEING A WIFE by Patti Bard and Maryanna Johnson (Zondervan, \$3.95, 181 pp.) This book deals with the issues a modern wife is concerned about—her role in the home, the church, the world. A dialogue between two wives, in the form of personal letters, covers everything from second honeymoons to the generation gap.

HIS STUBBORN LOVE by Joyce Landorf (Zondervan, 144 pp., \$3.95) A dramatic account of a young couple who almost lost the marriage game, this is the startling story of how falling in love with Jesus Christ caused this young couple to discover their own faltering love again. This is a Christian testimony that everyone ought to read.

I'LL WALK TOMORROW by Roger Winter (Warner Press, paperback, 112 pp., \$2) For two decades Roger Winter has been a paralytic. In this book he shows that courage, faith, and determination are available to anyone who dares to use them. He tells his own story and the stories of several other handicapped persons, as they strive to become genuine, productive members of society.

On The MORAL SCENE...

THE AGED DO PAY MORE. Social Security Administration figures show that people over 65 spend twice as much per person per year for physician's services than people under 65. Annual expenses for senior citizens average \$107, but only \$53 for non-senior citizens. (Everybody's Money, Spring 71)

Good News of Jesus Christ and thereby furthering the Kingdom of God in the hearts of men. Both Catholics and Southern Baptists acknowledge the forgiveness of sins and newness of life through the redemptive suffering, death, resurrection and ascension of Jesus Christ. We could with profit dialogue on all these themes, and thus strengthen that unity which is already ours in the Holy Spirit.

When we have had this kind of prayerful dialogue, it may be that we could discover new areas for cooperative Christian witness.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Monsignor Bernard F. Law
Vicar General
Catholic Diocese of Natchez-Jackson

Dr. Herschel Hobbs Still In Hospital, But Improving

Dear Dr. Odle:

I know that you will be glad to know that Dr. Hobbs is improving. He is still in Baptist Hospital, Room 836. The doctor is not allowing him to have any visitors, but perhaps by this week-end will let him shave himself and be up some. He is beginning to enjoy being lazy, and we keep telling him that that cannot become a habit. Seriously, everyone is urging him to be lazy and slow down. At the present time the doctor is talking in terms of letting him preach at the morning worship services beginning in July.

Dr. and Mrs. Hobbs appreciate so much your prayers, phone calls, letters, flowers, and every indication of your concern for them during these days. Please continue to pray for him.

Sincerely yours,
Lucy Gibson
Secretary to Pastor, FBC, Oklahoma City
May 6, 1971



A Woman's World Reaches Far Beyond the Ironing Board

Wilda Fancher

Young people kept pouring in through every opening in the rounding walls of the Coliseum—they made me think of ants swarming toward the crumbs where they'd heard a picnic was beginning. Unlike ants, who feast on castaway crumbs, these young people got full servings of cake.

It was Youth Night in November of 1968, with the usual beyond-capacity crowd. I felt guilty to be occupying a seat which some young person rightfully could claim, but not guilty enough to get up and leave.

At a proper time on the program Bo Baker came to the pulpit which was on a platform to my right. During the introduction of Mr. Baker it became evident that a large group of people in front of me, facing him, were not paying much attention to him. They were not even looking rightward toward Baker. Instead, they were looking leftward toward a man who stood there.

When the sermon began, the lights were lowered, and a small glow was left shining on that man. That glow became the light of their world for that hour. His sign language became their interpretation of Bo Baker.

The world does not look rightward toward Jesus oftentimes. Instead, it looks leftward to me, and I become its interpretation of Christ. Because I name myself a follower of Him, my bearing is the sign language by which I translate Jesus Christ to the world.

Occasionally those deaf people in the Coliseum glanced toward Bo Baker, but their glances were fleeting. They soon looked back to their man of the signs.

When my lost friend looks at me, glances at Jesus, and turns again to me, I cringe at the distortion he must see.

(Mrs. Fancher may be addressed at 316 W. Canal St., Aberdeen, Ms. 38730).

EDUCATION—what's happening

The Women's Bureau of the Department of Labor said recently that, while women comprised 37 percent of all professional and technical occupations in 1969, only 22 percent of the faculty and professional staff at colleges and universities in recent years were women, about the same as in 1910. The bureau said the figure of 22 percent compares to 28 percent in 1940, 27 percent in 1930, 26 percent in 1920, and 20 percent in 1910.

Further, the report states, "women are heavily represented in the health fields, but in 1968 only 7 percent of all physicians were women." Similarly, the report continues, women had "only a token representation" among scientists (9 percent), lawyers (3 percent), and engineers (1 percent).

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Blue Mountain College: "Light On A Hill"

By Chester E. Swer

Spring was making its first Mountain campus when I arrived in mid-March, and I felt that "anyday now" the campus would burst into the fairland of beauty which is Blue Mountain College in spring.



There's something mysterious, yet very real on this campus: it grips you with the feeling, "there's character here—strong, deep, abiding—and a concept of Christian culture which some of America's church related colleges have lost. . . . And the longer one lingers to see, hear, and feel the impact of the total life of Blue Mountain College, the deeper is the conviction that here is a college which is unusual, virtually to the point of uniqueness.

For almost a week, I visited in chapel times, noonday devotional meetings, dormitory devotional times, church services, and dining times. I was able to talk unhurriedly with administrators, faculty members, and students. I spent happy times in the strikingly beautiful new Student Union Building in informal

fellowship with students and faculty.

HAPPY IMPRESSIONS

As I left for appointments in the East, these impressions were etched in my mind:

1. Though many colleges may well have lived up to their mottoes or slogans, no college has ever achieved more fully what Blue Mountain's motto proclaims, BUILDING WORTHY WOMANHOOD. In the atmosphere, in example, in counseling, in daily inspiration there is the unmistakable challenge: "Be a Woman, a Worthy Woman!"

2. The faculty has the greatest academic strength in the ninety-eight years of the life of the college, assuring instruction of the highest quality.

3. The curriculum is richer than ever, more relevant than ever, and sustained by more adequate resources for learning than ever before. An honors program is now a reality, making possible the maximum challenge to the students of high academic ability.

4. The buildings and equipment have experienced renewal, expansion, and great improvement in attractiveness.

5. The student body, though 78% from Mississippi, attracts in the 24% some of the most remarkable young women from throughout America, who have

come to Blue Mountain because they have heard of its distinctiveness. A student from another state plans to enter Blue Mountain this fall, because, to quote her words, "I have been merely a number in a high school of 3,000 students; in college I want to be a Person!" In Blue Mountain College, the individual matters supremely, thus lending dignity and importance to every student. Just as many Mississippi Baptist students have gone to Baptist Colleges in other states because of curriculum opportunities not available in Mississippi Baptist colleges—Law, Medicine, Pharmacy, and the like—Mississippi Baptists have in Blue Mountain College something to offer which attracts students from other states—an excellent, small Christian liberal arts college for women. Therefore, although predominantly a Mississippi-attended college, Blue Mountain College is, among other good things, our reciprocity to other Southern Baptist states for offering to our students something which our colleges have not offered.

6. The pendulum will swing back. To the question, "Is the day of the woman's college past?" my reply is this: "The heyday may be past, but the need for the good church-related woman's college remains." Our nation generally tends to swing

to extremes, but the pendulum does swing back. Mississippi Baptists are fortunate to have a remarkably attractive variety of colleges in Mississippi College, William Carey College, and Blue Mountain College, and we shall be wise to preserve all three in love, devotion, and financial support!

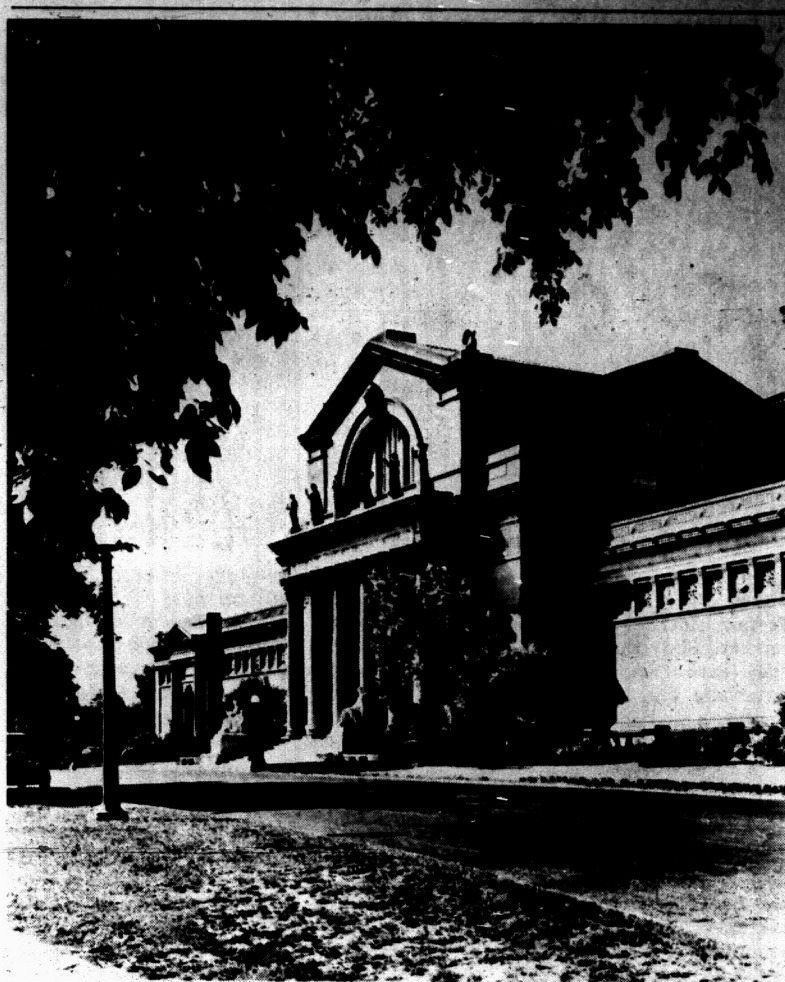
A Challenge

In conclusion, let me urge anyone who lacks enthusiasm for Blue Mountain College to visit here for a day or days, to see and hear and feel the impact of the college. If you do so, you, too, will go away with the feeling that Blue Mountain College is "an island of excellence in a world of the average. . . . A sanctuary for the preservation of the highest ideals for womanhood. . . . Something eternal in the midst of the transient. . . . A college in which every student is an important individual and not a mere number in the office machines. . . ."

Blue Mountain College is, indeed, "A Light on a Hill," and the light on that northeast Mississippi hill, lighted 98 years ago by General H. P. Lowery and his daughters, has sent its beneficent, uplifting shafts of light to every corner of the world through the inspired and inspiring lives of its alumnae!

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THE CITY ART MUSEUM, originally built for the 1904 St. Louis World's Fair as an art building, will be one of many attractions greeting more than 12,000 Baptists expected to attend the Southern Baptist Convention in St. Louis, June 1-3. Located in St. Louis' famed Forest Park, the museum houses art collections from Europe, Asia, Africa, and the Americas spanning 5,000 years of culture. Also located at Forest Park is the Hugh St. Louis Zoo, the McDonnell Planetarium, the Jefferson Memorial, the Muny Opera, a natural amphitheatre.

Baptist Hospital

Out-Patient Clinic Extends Service to Community

Through its out-patient clinic, Mississippi Baptist Hospital is very much involved these days in extending services to the community.

The work of the clinic is a continuation of the charity work which the hospital has performed consistently since its establishment 60 years ago.

The hospital's program is a voluntary one. It does not depend upon federal grants or upon other forms of subsidy. It is, in short, a community health project of the hospital.

The clinic is not 100% "charity," because some fees are charged. But these fees represent only a fraction of the actual cost of services—a cost borne by the hospital itself.

Gathered together in the clinic are physicians, nurses, nurses aides, volunteer workers and others—all providing services at minimal cost to those receiving these services.

A clinic for obstetrical patients is



Dr. Dan Scarbrough, intern at Mississippi Baptist Hospital, is assisted by Mrs. Agnes Perkins, member of the hospital Auxiliary, as he prepares to examine a clinic patient. Members of the Auxiliary are responsible for taking patient information, working with charts and otherwise assisting in the general routine of the clinic.

available each Monday from 11 a. m. to 2 p. m., and a medical-and-surgical clinic is open each Tuesday

and Friday from 10 a. m. to 1 p. m.

Mrs. Luette Robertson, R.N., coordinates the personnel and schedules the clinics and otherwise supervises the work of the clinic operation. Working with her is Mrs. Katherine Cain, R.N.

"What we need most right now," says Mrs. Robertson, "is some volunteer help from registered nurses who are not on active duty but who would like to do some work in order to keep up their skills."

"We would be glad for them to come in and help on whatever basis suits them—say three hours a day once a week or maybe every other week, or any other combination of hours they prefer."

The clinics are staffed by the hospital's interns, working under the direction of Dr. John F. Busey, the hospital's director of medical education.

The interns perform their clinical services in consultation with, and under the supervision of, the regular members of the hospital's medical staff.

Also participating in the clinic are students of the hospital's Gilfoy School of Nursing and School of Practical Nursing, for whom the work is part of their clinical training and experience.

Students from the Mississippi College School of Nursing also take part in the clinic and also make home visits to clinic patients—all as a part of their educational program.

Members of the hospital Auxiliary "have been most valuable" in the clinic, according to Mrs. Robertson. "They have played a large role in making this clinic a success."

"The ladies of the Women's Missionary Union of First Baptist Church have provided toys and play furniture and all kinds of games for the clinic's kiddy corner."

"And members of the Auxiliary have made some very attractive temporary bassinets—a gift which is much appreciated and used by our obstetrics patients."

Members of the Auxiliary take information from the clinic patients, work on some phases of the patients' records, and otherwise assist in the general routine of the clinic.

The work of these volunteers is supervised by the regularly assigned personnel of the clinic and is coordinated by Mrs. Hilda Calhoun, chairman of the Auxiliary's clinic committee.

Resolution Pays Tribute To Memory Of Dottie Presley

The pastor and deacons of Calvary Church, Booneville, have adopted a resolution paying tribute to the memory of Dottie W. Presley, who died November 28, 1970.

For seven and one-half years Mr. Presley had been an active and supporting member of Calvary Church, and for the past four years had been a deacon there. (His wife, Mrs. Ruby Presley, is still a member there.)

The resolution referred to Mr. Presley as "a fine, upstanding Christian gentleman," whose presence, support, and service will be greatly missed among fellow-Christians at Calvary Church, and whose absence among the deacons will long be felt.

Rev. Trent F. Grubbs is the Calvary pastor, and Charles E. Crabb is chairman of deacons.

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Requirements: This retreat is limited to outstanding Christian musicians. Each church is eligible to send six singers, two of which must be boys. The applicants must be entering the 10th grade this September and also for 11th and 12th graders. Each application for choral membership must be accompanied by a letter of recommendation from the pastor, minister of music or high school music director. Additional instrumentalists will be accepted upon letter of recommendation. Application must include name of instrument and number of years experience.

Participants will be accepted by pre-registration on a "first come, first serve" basis. Send letters of recommendation and registrations to Church Music Department, P. O. Box 530, Jackson, Ms. Include name, address, age, and sex of applicant.

Dr. J. L. Sullivan Is Speaker For 1st, Pontotoc's 125th Anniversary

First Church, Pontotoc observed special services on April 25, marking the 125th anniversary of the church. Guest preacher for the occasion was Dr. James L. Sullivan, executive secretary-treasurer of the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tennessee.

George T. Rodgers, chairman of the Anniversary Committee, presented a brief historical summary and invited the congregation to view the interesting historical display, containing several items which are from 100 to 125 years old. The pastor, Dr. W. Levon Moore, recognized the dozens of visitors and special guests who were present from over a dozen cities in Mississippi and from several other states. Greetings were shared from former pastors, W. Tom Douglas, James C. Monroe, John W. Cook, and T. L. Holcomb. Dinner was served at the church to several hundred people.

The floral arrangement on the communion table, a tribute of appreciation to the pastors who have served, contained 23 red roses, representing the 23 pastors who have ministered during these 125 years. Choral worship included the selections "This Is The Day The Lord Hath

Made" and "Ye Shall Be Witnesses," sung by the choir and directed by Mrs. W. Levon Moore.

Dr. Sullivan paid tribute to the far-reaching ministry of the church during the past century and a quarter and expressed the belief that the most significant part of the church's history will be written in the next 125 years.



DR. MOORE, right, shows Dr. Sullivan a copy of the first pulpit Bible which was purchased soon after 1850. Although a cyclone destroyed the church building in 1855, the old Bible was preserved.

A Nickel A Day Does The Job: Missions Is The Answer



Pictured are the children who were present March 27, 1971, at the Prayer Meeting Hour of Cloverdale Church, Natchez. Sixty-four days before this night, each member of the church (especially the children) were asked to save a nickel a day for Annie Armstrong. This would be a total of \$3.20 per member.

On this night, each member brought a jar with the number of nickels inside and placed it on the altar. Approximately \$125.00 was brought to the Lord on this night. The church goal was \$200 and the final amount given was \$220. The most the church had given to Annie Armstrong Offering before this year was \$75. Also, in December, 1970, the largest Little Moon Offering was given, \$367.67.

The church in June of 1970, started giving 5% to the Cooperative Program and 1% to associational missions. In January, 1971, this increased

to 8% Cooperative Program and 2% associational missions. The church offering, Sunday School attendance, Church Training attendance and prayer meeting attendance have all tripled. There have been 48 additions by baptism and 40 by letter, or 88 additions since March 29, 1970. The glorious thing is that these additions have increased each organization and church service attendance.

The church feels that mission giving has blessed this church and hopes that next year it can give 10% to the Cooperative Program and 3% to associational missions.

In October of 1970, Sunday School average attendance was 80 and Church Training average attendance was 55. In April, 1971, the average attendance had increased to 103 in Sunday School and 72 in Church Training.

\$57.90 was given to missions in October, 1970, and in March 1971, (April

total not available at writing) this had increased to \$75.00. The total general offering for October 1970, was \$658.14 while the total general offering for March, 1971, was \$1,115.00.

Thus, the church, in cooperation with the Mississippi Baptist Convention, has increased at least 10% in Sunday School attendance, worship attendance, budget support, and mission giving, the pastor feels, also 10% commitment to preaching and mission ministry.

"The Church still feels that, with

Morrison Heights Reception To Honor Miss Patterson

The members of Morrison Heights Church, Clinton are honoring Miss Marjean Patterson, new executive secretary of Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union, with a reception on Sunday, May 16 from 2:30-4:30 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall of the church.

Miss Patterson, a member of Morrison Heights, serves as a teacher in the College Sunday School Department.

Members of churches in the Clinton area are invited to attend this reception.

Rev. Charles Gentry is pastor of Morrison Heights.

Dr. R. G. Lee To Speak

Sunday, May 16, Van Winkle Church, Jackson, will observe its 33rd anniversary with Dr. R. G. Lee, of Memphis, pictured, as guest speaker at the morning worship service. Following the morning service, dinner will be served on the grounds. The public is invited, states Rev. Herman Milner, pastor.



Ministerial Alumni To Meet At BMC

The second annual meeting of the Blue Mountain College Ministerial Alumni will be held on May 14, from 9:30 a. m. until 2:30 p. m. at the college.

The day's activities will include an informal fellowship, a business session, and a luncheon in Ray Dining Hall. The feature speaker will be Rev. Larry Rohman, pictured, First Church, Jackson, as speaker.

An additional attraction for the wives of ministers will be the meeting for them at the Paschal Student Center during the men's business meeting. Speakers for the women will be Mrs. Wilfred C. Tyler, Mrs. James

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Names In The News

Dr. E. H. Westmoreland, pastor of South Main Church, Houston, Texas, for 33 years, has announced that he will retire at the end of the year. He plans to continue to live in Houston and attend South Main Church after his retirement. A native of Arkansas, he was at Leland, Miss., before going to Houston. He is a former president of the Baptist General Convention of Texas. In 1965, the \$300,000 Westmoreland Chapel was dedicated in his honor at South Main Church.

Two Mississippi men were among 43 persons who attended a seminar on "Communications Breakthrough with Youth" at the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, April 26-30. Those attending were J. Charles Red, minister of music and youth at First Church, Long Beach, and W. T. Douglas, associate in the Sunday School department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

Jerry Cumberland was the featured speaker on a recent Youth Day at Riverport Church, Greenville. The topic of his address was "The Ten Commandments."

Miss Louise Sparkman, missionary who has completed leave in the States, was scheduled to arrive May 5 in Nigeria (address: Baptist Seminary, Ogbomoso, Nigeria). A Floridian, who formerly lived in Mississippi also, Miss Sparkman was born in Coleman and lived in Perry, Dade City, Ocala and Leesburg, while growing up. She was appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1960.



Billy A. Vaughan, pictured above with his family, is the new minister of music at First Church, Laurel (Dr. Robert Marsh, pastor). He moved to Laurel from First Church, Columbus, where he had held a similar position since 1964. Born in Arkansas, he is married to the former Mary Helen Gordon. Their four children are Debbie, Mike, Vickie, and Billy J. Mr. Vaughan received the Bachelor of Music degree from Ouachita Baptist University, and attended Southwestern Seminary two summers.

Rev. E. S. Hall, pastor of the Good Hope Baptist Church, Winston County, has resigned this church to move to New Albany where he shall be available for supply revivals or interim pastor. Brother Hall has been in the ministry since his first sermon on December 1930 at the First Baptist Church at New Albany. He has pastored these years in Mississippi and in Arkansas, and preaching revivals in Alabama, Mississippi, Arkansas, Tennessee and Texas. He is retiring from the active pastorate.



Steve Thompson, age 4, son of Mr. and Mrs. Neal Thompson of Calvary Church, Corinth, has been an inspiration not only to his Sunday School class and pastor, Rev. Lyndle Davis, but to the entire church by his regular attendance in his wheelchair. Young Steve broke his leg when a broken tombstone fell on it while he was visiting a graveyard with his grandfather, Thomas Jobe, on March 14, 1971.

The Mississippi Club of New Orleans Seminary elected new officers at their supper meeting on April 29. Officers elected are: President—Talmadge Smith, Rt. 2, Brookhaven, Clear Branch Church; Vice President—Perry Montgomery, Grenada, First New Hope; Secretary—Treas.—Ronald H. Jordan, Benton, Bethlehem; and Publicity Chairman—James Beasley, Jackson, Music and Youth, Star. Dr. J. Clark Beasley, Executive Director of Christian Action Commission, Mississippi Baptist Convention, was guest speaker at the meeting.

Union (Rankin) Plans Homecoming

The annual homecoming at Union Church, Rankin County, will be Sunday, May 23. Bringing the morning message will be Rev. W. P. Miley.

In the afternoon there will be congregational singing led by R. D. Moon. Lunch will be served at noon. The public is invited.

Alfred Conniff is Ordained to Ministry

Alfred Lee Conniff (pictured) was ordained to the Gospel ministry April 21 by the Southwayside Baptist Church, Fort Worth, Texas.

The invocation was given by the new pastor, Rev. Bill Warren. Dr. Leon McBeth, Interim Pastor, brought the charge to the candidate. Frances Scott, student at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, presented the special music, "Follow Me."

The ordination sermon was preached by Dr. Huber Drumwright, Professor of New Testament and the ordination prayer was brought by Professor Franklin Segler, both of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Mr. Conniff is a graduate of William Carey College, Hattiesburg, and will receive his Master of Divinity degree from the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary on May 7.

His wife, Jewell Hannah Conniff, served as Baptist Student Union Director and Instructor in Business Education and Religious Education at William Carey College.

Alabama WMU Elects Three New Staffers

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (BP)—Three new staff members have been elected by the Alabama Baptist Woman's Missionary Union with offices here.

Named to the posts, effective May 15, were Miss Charlotte Couche of Fort Worth, new Baptist Young Women's director; Miss Sue Whitmire of Fort Worth, as Actens director; and Mrs. Earl Potts of Montgomery, as Missions Friends director.

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God's Steadfast Love Never Changes, Hosea Learns

By Clifton J. Allen
Hosea 11: 14

The prophecy of Hosea rises to the highest level in the Old Testament in interpreting God's love for people.



This was Hosea's greatest contribution to the prophetic interpretation of the faith of Israel. Out of great sorrow, occasioned by a faithless and adulterous wife, and the conviction that he should buy her out of slavery and try to accomplish her repentance and restoration by forgiving love, Hosea learned to some degree the depth of God's love for faithless and rebellious Israel. God's steadfast love did not change. The suffering enabled him better to understand the agony of God for the waywardness of his people and the grace of God in his willingness to forgive. Waywardness and wickedness brought the judgment of God. Because the people were unwilling to respond to the love of God.

The Lesson Explained
The Ways Of Love
Verses 1-4

The fatherly love of God is stressed by Hosea's descriptions of God's relationship to Israel — a Father-child relationship. God referred to Israel as

his son; he declared his love for his son. All of God's dealings with Israel, both in deliverance and in judgment, were expressions of his love. God's love was characterized by persistence. It was unaltered by the disobedience of the people. His love was marked by tender care and protection. Like a father teaching a child to walk, God lovingly took his people in the arms of his providential care for their safety and their healing. God's way of dealing with his wayward people was to draw them with chords of compassion rather than to drive them by the reins of force. Like a tanner who sought to ease the yoke on the ox, God sought to make the yoke of his purpose and sovereignty good for the people of Israel. God's love for people is always like that described by Hosea. His love anticipates every need of human beings and provides out of the immeasurable riches of his grace for their needs.

The Judgment Of Love
Verses 5-7

Though never altered by man's disobedience and rejection, God's love is not without judgment. His love is disciplinary and corrective. It could endure the perversity of a faithless people, but it could not be blind to the depth of their wickedness and fail to deal with them in righteousness. On this basis we understand God's judgment on Israel and the execution of his righteous wrath in allowing the sword of Assyria to rage against the cities of Israel, to break down their walls and fortresses, and to bring their pride to downfall. Hosea foresaw the imminence of Israel's downfall. The people were bent on turning away from God, bent on backsliding, bent on their idolatry and hypocrisy, but unwilling to repent. God acted in judgment, but his judgment was never the repudiation or cessation of love.

The Pleading Of Love
Verses 8-9

The rebellion of the people of Israel, their unfaithfulness and wickedness and ingratitude, meant bitterness of suffering on God's part. He suffered the agony of conflict in his own being, loving his backsliding people to the point of wanting to preserve and keep them but necessarily loving them in keeping with his own moral nature and therefore under compulsion to bring judgment on them. Hosea interprets something of this conflict as he reports God's pleading. How could he give up Ephraim? How could he turn Israel over to the ruthless and pagan Assyrians? How could he allow the people of Israel to suffer destruction like cities destroyed with Sodom and Gomorrah? God recoiled at the

thought, because his compassions were so tender and his love for his people was so great. The explanation is found in the last part of verse 9. God is God, not man. God can love without limit, because righteousness and love are both perfect attributes of his holiness.

Truths to Live By

God's love for people is not conditional. — This truth is almost incomprehensible; in fact, it is incomprehensible from the human standpoint. We know it to be true, though we cannot grasp it. It is true because God is God, not man. Whatever the degree of our perversity — our disobedience, our ingratitude, our shameful ugliness, our brazen presumption, or our stubborn pride — God's love reaches out to us with unutterable longing and with the offer of his grace in Jesus Christ. The fact that God loves us in spite of our unloveliness and our wickedness should break our hearts with penitence and genuine repentance, so that God's cleansing forgiveness might be experienced. The fact that God loves like this is the sinner's hope and the Christian's peace.

God's love aims at reconciliation. — There is no enmity in God's heart toward rebellious man. The enmity is in man's proud and sin heart. God's love seeks to break down the barriers of separation and destroy the hostility in lives to redemption are cast away.

When a nation will follow God's sovereign will, there is nothing too great as a blessing from God. Israel knew her glorious history and rejoiced in it. Our nation has known the blessing that God has given to us and continues to give. As an individual, no one could ever be happier than doing God's will. But, God will not change or compromise his will to satisfy us. "For the wages of sin is death." Sin separates God and man and ultimately will finally cause eternal destruction. There is no peace for a man who sins against God.

The only step toward being a nation that does God's will, is the one you and I will take. Our greatest need is to trust God. We need to trust him with all we have or do. God can even remake us into being what we ought to be.

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The Savannah, first steamship to cross the Atlantic, left from Savannah, Georgia on May 24, 1819, for Liverpool, England.

sinful hearts by love which is reconciling and forgiving, love which reaches across every barrier and in spite of every feeling of enmity. God came in Christ to reconcile the world to himself. We may experience the forgiveness that cancels every debt and cleanses every stain and wipes away the guilt of sin. For the person who has never believed in Christ, there must be willingness to yield oneself to the reconciling and forgiving love of God in Christ. And for every person who does believe in Christ, the love of God is always drawing the Christian back from weakness, back from backsliding, back from lack of faith, back from every failure, to experience true oneness with the Father God and to know the peace of his unchanging love.

The Christian ought always to live in awareness of God's love and in glad response to God's love. — The essence of the Christian's relationship to God is that of a child-Father relationship. Therefore, such love will rule out suspicion and distrust. It will rule out indifference and ingratitude. It will rule out resistance and disobedience. And on the other hand, awareness of God's love will evoke trust and affection and devotion and fidelity and obedience and worship. Awareness of God's love is the occasion for reverential gratitude and confident hope. Response to God's love finds expression in praise and loyalty and obedience and trust. A supreme aim of the Christian should

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A Nation In The Hand Of God

Jeremiah 18
By Bill Duncan

Do you think that God has lost control of this planet? Well, what about the people on the earth? Jeremiah believed in the sovereignty of God and the redemptive power of God shaping men and nations according to His divine plan. Truly, Israel had always been in



the hand of God and now that she was turning from God she is still in his hand. God will not allow Israel to go unpunished because of His love. The purpose of God's heavy hand of doom is to lead Israel back to God. God has an absolute right to deal with any nation according to their conduct towards Him. It may not appear that God is in control of the situation, but he is.

The scene of the potter's house and his wheel is used to interpret the sovereignty of God. There in the familiar surrounding, Jeremiah was able to see the secrets of divine governments in molding, the marring of vessels, and the remaking process. If the vessel is marring while in the hand of the potter, he will remake it into another vessel.

The Potter

As one looks at the scene he understands that nothing could be done without the potter. The single most important part of the scene is the potter. As one looks at a person molding clay on a wheel, he cannot help but see the interest, attention and power of the person. "As the clay in the potter's hand, so are ye in mine hand, O house of Israel." The gentleness of God, the love of God, the forgiveness of God all stand as forces to shape the lives of God's children. The mind of God is perfect in determining what we ought to be. The idea one has of God will determine what will become.

The Wheel

The revolving wheel of the potter is the wheel of circumstances. There once was a song that had a line in it that went something like this, "Stop the world and let me off." All the pressures, temptations, ac-

tions and responsibilities of life are the circumstances that God uses. Most of these come when we are least conscious of God's influence. The religious influence also must be accounted for in the circumstances. However, the 11:00 a.m. service of the week is not the only time for religion. Faith that directs the circumstances of influence should operate all the time.

The Clay

In the mass of wet, common substance was an infinite possibility. But there was nothing within the clay that knew its possibility. The clay had no will. Yet there was something that marring its shape.

Man or nation really has a link to God more than the clay to the potter. Man is made in the image of God with the power to cooperate with God. Man is free to choose and ultimately can be what God wants him to become. Man's highest wisdom lies in his acceptance of the figure of the clay in an unconditional and uncompromising surrender to the will of God. But man is man free to choose.

God has a purpose for every man and nation when God was working with the wheel and the clay, he was trying to lead the individual to become that which was best for man. The devil is working to destroy man, but God wants to save mankind.

When man has done God's will be-

1st, Brookhaven Pledges \$350,000 For New Buildings

First Church, Brookhaven, in a special pledge service Sunday, May 2, raised over \$347,000 to be used in their new building program. The goal for the service was to raise \$300,000 which would insure that the total building program would be undertaken. Pledge cards turned in at the evening service brought the total to over \$350,000, to be paid over a three-year period.

The new building program includes a new sanctuary, a new Family Life Center, remodeling of the present educational space, and converting the space, at total estimated cost of \$1,400,000.

The new sanctuary, of colonial design, will seat approximately 1,300. The Family Life Center, a recreational type building, will help minister to the recreational needs of the entire family. Included in the renovation and conversion of old facilities are plans for a more adequate fellowship area, and a chapel which will also serve as educational space.

Rev. P. A. Michel pastor, says, "We are not building just buildings; we are raising a living memorial to Christ. The physical facility is only a tool to be used in presenting the gospel. Thus, these stones become living stones because people will discover Jesus and grow in Him as they make use of what we provide. It is fitting that at the end of our first one hundred years of history we begin the next century with a magnificent vision."

Members of the building committee are: Chairman C. H. Lipsey, Mil-lard E. Smith, Orle Price, W. D. Lofton, Jr., Frank Burns, Mrs. W. H. Smith, and Mrs. Max Thornhill.

cause of the right influence which God has given, he then is a product for display. The people who are saved and live Christian lives reveal to the world that God is merciful and redemptive. The vessel is where man can see God's work.

What happens to those vessels that are marring but cannot be crushed and remolded? G. Campbell Morgan reminds us that the potter's field was where the wreckage was cast. Those who refuse to let God direct their

Millsaps BSU Plans Bake Sale, For Love Fund

By Jana Moore

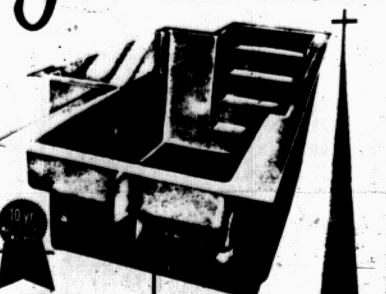
The Millsaps Baptist Student Union is composed of students who express their love for Christ and a desire to serve Him. One of the ways that we as students feel that this service is fulfilled is to show our concern for people. There have been various times this year that someone has expressed a distressing need for help, so distressing, in fact it can be called a true emergency. There is an imminent need where we can help a fellow Millsaps student which involves medical expenses.

As a result of these pressing calls for help, the Baptist Student Union has elected to maintain an emergency fund that we are calling the Love Fund. In order to establish this fund we want to have a bake sale on May 15 at the Jackson Mall and Meadowbrook Mart, Jackson.

If you can bake a cake, cookies, pies or candy please contact Debbie Bennett, at 352-5061 or Jana Moore at 354-1542, Jackson. Please bring all baked items to Debbie Bennett in Bacot dorm on the Millsaps campus Saturday, May 15 before 10:00 a.m.

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Rev. and Mrs. Neil Moore

Prentiss-Itawamba Call Missionary

Rev. Neil Moore has accepted the position of superintendent of missions for Prentiss and Itawamba Counties, and began his new work on April 15. He resigned as pastor of the Northside Church, New Albany, where he had been pastor for two years.

Mr. Moore, a graduate of Union University, Jackson, Tenn., has been a minister for 31 years. Prior to coming to Mississippi two years ago, he held pastorates in Missouri.

With his wife, Wanda, he will make his home in Booneville and will have his office there. The Moores have a daughter, Mrs. Ray Cox, who lives in Toone, Tenn.

be to live always in awareness of God and to respond to him in truth and love so that God's love may be perfected in the life of the Christian as he is filled more and more with the fullness of God.

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JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, THURSDAY, MAY 13, 1971

Number 6

FROM THE PASTOR

It hardly seems possible that the Guy Hendersons have been with us for a whole year, but they have. This coming Sunday will be their last Sunday with us. They will be leaving the following Tuesday and will be sailing from San Francisco on the 27th. They will not be going to Korea but instead will be going to the Philippines where Bro. Henderson will be pastor of a church and will help in the general evangelistic work of the area.

RECEPTION PLANNED

Bro and Mrs. Henderson will both speak to us in the evening service Sunday. Then immediately following the service, we will have a reception for them giving you an opportunity to tell them good bye and assure them of the fact you will be praying for them as they go. I hope we have the largest Sunday evening crowd we have had in a long time as we honor this fine family.

A GENTLE REMINDER

Let me remind all of us that the over hang on the west side of our building is not a parking area. It is a place to load and unload only. The last two Sunday evenings that we have had rain, someone has parked under there. This kept all cars from getting up under there to pick up passengers and forced people to have to get wet unnecessarily. Not only did these people have to get out in the rain but they had to wade through the stream that comes down by the curb. This really is not fair.

A LITTLE COURTESY NEEDED

Let's be courteous and all of us can profit for the convenience of this overhang. No car should stay there longer than 45 seconds. If the passenger you are looking for is not out there yet, just circle over to the parking lot across the street and wait until he comes out. It really is not right for you to sit there waiting indefinitely while other people have to wade water and get wet. Sitting there does not help you and it certainly inconveniences a lot of other people. If we practice being courteous, all of us can use it to keep dry instead of one automobile using it as a make shift garage.

ATTENDANCE IMPROVEMENT

Our attendance was down a little Sunday as it always is on Mother's Day, but not nearly as much as I expected. We really should bounce back big this Sunday. Would you help us by making a special effort to be here. We need you and you need us. How about calling someone to ask them to come with you? If you were here Sunday, why not call the absentees in your class? Just a little effort on your part can help so much. And this is one thing all of us can do. Let's put forth that special effort and get back over that 1000 mark.

ARE YOU PRAYING?

Are you praying for the services? I know that a lot of people are because the Lord has blessed in an unusual way the last several weeks. Not only have we had over 70 people join our church in the last two months, but we have had an excellent spirit in all of the services. You have just been able to feel the presence of the Lord. This is the direct result of prayer. Let me urge you to keep praying and to keep coming and the Lord will keep blessing.—C.E.M.

Last Sunday At A Glance

Sunday School Attendance	803
Church Training Fellowship	183
Additions	3
Budget Receipts	\$5,501.22

SYMPATHY:

The Alta Woods Baptist church wishes to express sincere Christian sympathy to the following people who have lost their loved ones:
To Mr. Wendell Cochran and family

due to Mr. Cochran's mother passing away.

To Mrs. R. E. Worthen and family due to Mrs. Worthen's mother passing away.

To Mr. C. D. Brantley and family, due to death of a sister-in-law.

Welcome New Members



By Letter: Mr. Thomas Lee Chilton, 4714 Robinson Road. Mrs. Thomas Lee Chilton, already a member, came for rededication.



By Letter: Mr. George W. (Bill) Watts, Jr.

By Baptism: Mrs. George W. (Linda) Watts, Jr., 386 Raymond Road, Apt. 38-E

Kindergarten Family Day
The Parents of our Kindergarten children will be our special guests during morning worship, May 16. We are pleased to have them with us and urge you to be particularly alert with so many visitors in our services to greet as many as possible personally.

Opportunities For The Week

May 16-22, 1971

SUNDAY:

7:00 a.m.—Baptist Men's Breakfast
11:00 a.m.—Kindergarten Family Sunday

5:00 p.m.—Youth Choir Rehearsal
7:30 p.m.—S.S. Council—Preschool and Children

7:30 p.m.—New Member Orientation
7:30 p.m.—Reception Guy Hendersons

MONDAY:

9:00 a.m.—VBS Planning No. 2 (Childcare Provided)
3:00 p.m.—Children's Choirs

4:00 p.m.—Jr. High Choir Rehearsal
7:00 p.m.—VBS Planning No. 2 (Child Care Provided)

TUESDAY:

WMU Day Groups:
9:30 a.m.—Opal Ferrell Current Mission Group, Mrs. Kate Nell 631 Cooper Road

9:30 a.m.—Helen Myers Bible Study Group, Mrs. C. R. Patton, 2931 Barwood Drive

9:30 a.m.—Zelma Foster Current Mission Group, Mrs. Murvel Dodson, 2623 Pinetree Drive

9:45 a.m.—Joyce Watson Bible Study Group—Parlor

7:30 p.m.—Mary Dan Stampley Bible Study Group, Mrs. James Polk, 178 W. Santa Clair St.

WEDNESDAY:

(Children's Choir Festival Cancelled)
5:45 p.m.—Family Supper

6:30 p.m.—TIP, Mission Friends, G. A. R. A., Acteens, Jr. High Boys' Bible Study

7:30 p.m.—Bible Study and prayer Sr. High Bible Study—Share Group

8:15 p.m.—Church Choir Rehearsal
8:15 p.m.—Acteens and Mission Friends Plan Meetings—Parlor

THURSDAY:

7:00 p.m.—Visitation (Nursery by Reservation)
7:00 p.m.—Vizarec—Youth Center

FRIDAY:

7:00 p.m.—Youth Center—Jr. High

SATURDAY:

4:00-7:00 p.m.—EXPO 71½

Menu May 19

Hamburger-Buns, Baked Beans, French Fries, Pie, Beverage.

MRC Leader

Hudgins - Breakfast Speaker



John T. Sisemore

An "Outreach Mini-Clinic" has been set for May 23-24. Dr. John Sisemore, Consultant in Adult Work, Sunday School Department, Baptist Sunday School Board in Nashville, Tennessee will be our leading conference guest. There is no man in our Convention more knowledgeable or more compassionate regarding the subject of reaching persons for Christ than Dr. Sisemore. He has lead similar clinics from coast to coast and we are just most fortunate to have him at AWBC. He will be speaking during the morning worship hour May 23, and then will speak to ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN OUTREACH from 5:00 till 6:30. We will then have a supper break followed by four age group conferences. Youth workers will be led by Rev. Tommy Baddley, (Broadmoor Baptist Church) Children's workers, by Mrs. Ben Kitchens (Gulfport), and Preschool workers by Miss Betty Ruth Harris (Biloxi).

The Monday session will be from 7:00 p.m. till 9:00. Our Youth will be guiding activities for our Children and Preschoolers during the Clinic. All Adults should be a part of this clinic whether or not they now have a specific place of service in Sunday School or other organization.



W. Douglas Hudgins

The Executive Secretary of The Mississippi Baptist Convention, Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, will be the guest speaker for our

Men's Breakfast
May 16, 7:00 A.M.
\$1.00

Dr. Hudgins is a Tennessean by birth and training. He is a graduate of Carson-Newman College and of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky. He received an Honorary Doctors' Degree from Mississippi College in 1940.

Dr. Hudgins has served pastorates in Tennessee, Texas and Mississippi. He pastored Broadway Baptist in Fort Worth, First Baptist in Houston, and served the First Baptist Church in Jackson for 23 years.

Dr. Hudgins assumed his new role as Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, February 9, 1960. He has served many years as a member of the Executive Committee of this board. He has served as Vice-President of the Southern Baptist Convention and a member of various Boards of the Southern Baptist Convention. He has proven himself to be a leader in his community, state and the Southern Baptist Convention the world over.

Everyone is going to



EXPO 71½
May 22-23
4:00-7:00 P.M.

Cotton Candy—21 Activities—Hamburgers—Preacher's Dip, etc.

Devotional

The Consequence Of Neglect

Hebrews 2:1-3 (RSV)

By James M. Metts, Jr., Pastor, First, Indianaola

Notice the words of our text in 2:3a, "How shall we escape if we neglect such a great salvation?" Do you suppose anyone has ever set out with the intention of becoming physically lost? If you have ever been lost yourself, you know how helpless one can feel. I remember as a teenager, going coon hunting with a friend and although the woods were quite familiar to us both, in the darkness and excitement of the hunt we became totally lost. It was not until morning that we were able to determine where we were and in which direction lay our home. Most of the time when people become lost physically it is simply through neglect. Failure to take a compass, or to take the normal precaution necessary when hunting in strange woods, "such as getting your bearings," can mean trouble.

Spiritually speaking though, let us ask the same question: "Do you suppose anyone really ever intends or definitely plans to become lost?" I think not, and the one word in our text which again tells us why this happens is "neglect." The whole world is covered by wrecks of lives caused by neglect. How many times have you seen a young person with great potential and promise for the Lord neglect this spiritual aspect of his life and lose it? How many people have you known who in the realm of personal health neglected the physical temples of their souls and went to early graves because of negligence? How many of us as Christians actually cringe as we think of the duties slighted, or the opportunities missed, or the privileges gone never to come again, simply because we neglected to act through faith?

If you have ever helped in taking a religious census, you have moved to a new town or city and through neglect have failed to move their church membership. Also you are familiar with those who are eternally lost simply because they have neglected a place their faith and trust in Christ as personal Saviour. Our textual story also indicts each of us as Christians and church members if we neglect to tell those who are lost of this great salvation. Let us listen to Paul's admonition, "Behold, now is the accepted time; Behold, now is the day of salvation (II Corinthians 6:2) . . . Do it now for Christ's sake."

Revival Dates

Emmanuel Church, Jackson: May 14, 15, 16; Buddy Mathis of Pascagoula, high school teenager who is already well-known as a successful youth evangelist, preaching and playing the trumpet; Rev. Joe L. Hass, pastor; crusade services at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday; 11 a.m. at 7:30 p.m. on Sunday.

Simmons Memorial (Madison County): 7:30 p.m. nightly; May 16-18; Rev. W. J. Henderson, evangelist; Jackson; Rev. Ward Byers, pastor; Darvin A. Caldwell, local minister of music, song leader. There will be fellowship period after each service.

Trinity Church, Biloxi: May 16-18; Rev. Larry Taylor, San Antonio, Texas, evangelist; Jimmy McCale, Handsboro, music leader; service 7:30 p.m.; Rev. Lester Hawkins, pastor.

Two Evangelism Rallies To Be Held

(Continued from page 1)
Church, McComb, will lead devotionals at Hattiesburg with Howard Carpenter, lay member of First Baptist Church, Senatobia, to lead those at Tupelo.

To lead music at Hattiesburg meeting will be Cecil Harper, minister of Music at First Church, Wiggins, with music director at Tupelo to be Jerrell Rogers, minister of music and

youth, First Church, Picayune. Mr. Howell said that those urged to attend the rally most convenient from every church include Baptist men's leaders, mission activities leaders, volunteer music directors and men who are interested in personal soul winning.

The conferences are being jointly sponsored by the Brotherhood and Evangelism Departments.

REVIVAL RESULTS

First Church, Columbus: April 25-May 2; 27 by baptism, 9 by letter, scores of commitments to start a Family Altar; 121 young people made rededications; Dr. S. R. Woodson, pastor; Rev. Vincent Cervera, Greenville, S. C., evangelist.

Mathews Church: April 25-May 2; Rev. Walter Curley, evangelist; Calvin Cain, music director; 7 professions of faith; 18 rededications.

Bellehaven, Ocean Springs: youth-sponsored revival; April 26-May 2; Buddy Mathis, evangelist; Randall Wells, song leader; 11 public professions of faith; one full-time Christian commitment; numerous rededications; Rev. Wayne Fleming, pastor.

Harmony Awarded Special Recognition In Church Training

Harmony Baptist Church, Winston Association, has been awarded special recognition in the "Our Best In Church Training" program sponsored by the Mississippi Church Training Program, according to R. A. Herrington, Superintendent of Missions.

In earning this distinction, Harmony Church, under the leadership of J. D. Gregory, Director, and Dr. Paul Wilson, pastor, has attained Distinguished Recognition in the use of the Church Training Achievement Guide during this year and increased their enrollment from 82 to 115 during the quarter January-March. According to Mr. Gregory, "interest in our Church Training Program was at the highest point during these three months that I have ever seen it during my eleven years as Church Training Director."

A certificate of recognition is awarded to one or more churches in each association which are designated by associational leadership as having the best church training program in that association.

First Telegraph

First successful telegraph demonstrated on May 24, 1844 by Samuel F. B. Morse with transmission in code of message, "What Hath God Wrought!" from Washington, D. C. to Baltimore.

Mississippi Assoc. Names Missionary

Mississippi Association (Amite and Wilkinson Counties) has called Rev.



W. A. Sullivan, pictured, as superintendent of missions.

Mr. Sullivan, native of Wesson, attended Clarke College, Southeast Louisiana College and New Orleans Seminary.

His former ministries were as superintendent of missions for Marshall-Tafayette Associations, as pastor of churches in Louisiana and Mississippi, and as pioneer missions pastor in Indiana.

He is married to the former Ruby Ercell Toney of Amite County. Mr. and Mrs. Sullivan moved to Liberty on April 15.

Gold Rush

First gold-bearing vein found in Colorado on May 6, 1859 accelerated the rush of gold seekers.

Sherman Begins March
On the May 4, 1894, General Sherman started from Chattanooga into Georgia, advancing toward Atlanta.

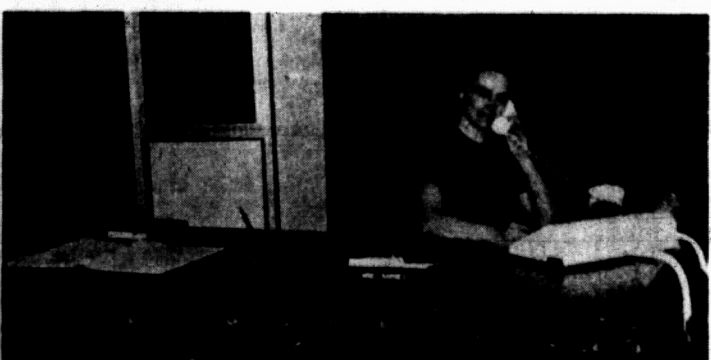
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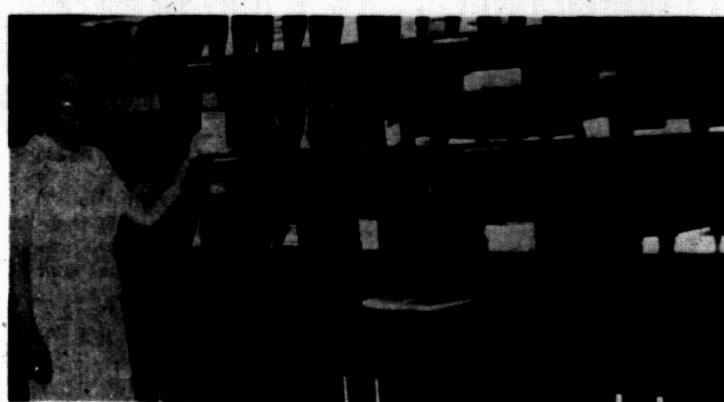
Mississippi Baptists and others across the state are invited to visit the Baptist Building at their convenience. They will receive a warm welcome.



MRS. MARY LOU BARNES, receptionist and switchboard operator for the Convention Board since September, 1960, greets both visitors and callers with friendly voice and ready smile.



MRS. MARYLYN CRISLER, the hospitable Building hostess and assistant supervisor of Building Services, is shown with a class from Clarke College on a tour of the Baptist Building. One of her many duties is that of escorting visitors on guided tours through the Building. She introduces personnel, and tells something of their work, and also points out pertinent Building features. In addition to the visiting college classes studying Baptist life and work, she welcomes other visitors such as Girls in Action, out-of-state visitors, and, in summer, many, many VBS groups. Mrs. Crisler, who has worked for the Convention Board ten years, also works with tracts and renders other Building Services.



MRS. VETA THOMPSON, who has been employed with the Convention Board for five years, assists visitors with tracts, helps to keep the shelves in the Tract Library stocked, and serves as relief operator for the switchboard. Above, she points out some of the tracts and free helps available in the Tract and Historical Library on the first floor of the Baptist Building. This library, a quiet haven facing a lovely garden, is open to anyone who wishes to enter, to study or to do research. In addition to tracts, the library contains historical materials such as SBC annuals, state convention annuals, and minutes of the various Mississippi Baptist associations, as well as encyclopedias, and a few books of historical interest.